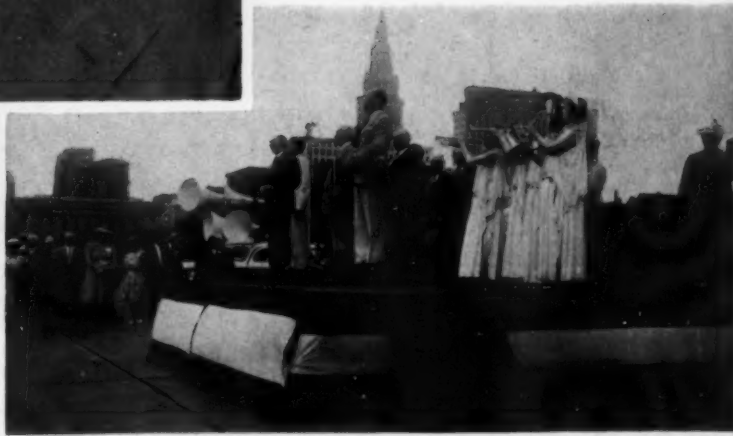


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New Convention President Joseph C. Robbins (*see page 333*); a line of Baptists waiting to see the Memorial Day Parade; the platform on the Mall where Dr. E. M. Poteat leads in singing the national anthem; the main entrance to the auditorium; the Aida Brass Quartette of New York



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1. Who handed college diplomas to 3,339 men?
2. What is scheduled for July 6-14?
3. How many religious bodies are members of the World Council?
4. Who is Hu Shih?
5. What conference met December 30-January 5?
6. What is pleasant, profitable and practical?
7. Who was editor of *Zion's Advocate*?
8. These serious days call for what?
9. What lives or dies with us?
10. Who was born in Cincinnati?
11. What is defined as "love in action"?
12. Who died in 483 B.C.?
13. What Baptist mission field was opened in 1899?
14. Who is editor of *La Nueva Senda*?
15. Many reasons will again be argued for what?
16. Who is the new national devotional chairman?
17. Who toured the United States in 1935?
18. Whose address is Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.?

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Year	Place of Meeting	Convention President	Convention Preacher
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1908	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Hon. Charles Evans Hughes	Rev. P. S. Henson *
1909	Portland, Oregon	Pres. H. P. Judson *	Pres. C. A. Barbour *
1910	Chicago, Ill.	Pres. H. P. Judson *	Prof. Walter Rauschenbusch *
1911	Philadelphia, Pa.	Pres. E. W. Hunt *	Pres. W. H. P. Faunce *
1912	Des Moines, Iowa	Pres. E. W. Hunt *	Sec. H. L. Morehouse *
1913	Detroit, Mich.	Henry Bond *	Rev. L. A. Crandall *
1914	Boston, Mass.	Henry Bond *	Sec. H. C. Mabie *
1915	Los Angeles, Cal.	E. S. Clinch *	Rev. Carter Helm Jones
1916	Minneapolis, Minn.	Dean Shailer Mathews *	Rev. Cornelius Woelfkin *
1917	Cleveland, Ohio	Pres. C. A. Barbour *	Rev. J. A. Francis *
1918	Atlantic City, N. J.	G. W. Coleman	Rev. C. W. Gilkey
1919	Denver, Colo.	F. W. Ayer *	Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick
1920	Buffalo, N. Y.	D. C. Shull *	Rev. E. A. Hanley
1921	Des Moines, Iowa	E. L. Tustin *	Rev. W. B. Hinson *
1922	Indianapolis, Ind.	Mrs. W. A. Montgomery *	Rev. A. W. Beaven
1923	Atlantic City, N. J.	Rev. F. E. Taylor *	Rev. W. W. Bustard *
1924	Milwaukee, Wis.	C. S. Shank	Rev. C. W. Petty *
1925	Seattle, Wash.	Gov. C. E. Milliken	Rev. W. S. Abernethy
1926	Washington, D. C.	E. H. Rhoades, Jr.	Rev. W. H. Geistweit *
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1931	Kansas City, Mo.	Pres. A. W. Beaven	Prof. D. J. Evans
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1934	Rochester, N. Y.	Rev. W. S. Abernethy	Rev. H. C. Phillips
1935	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Pres. A. A. Shaw	Rev. G. A. Clarke
1936	St. Louis, Mo.	Pres. J. H. Franklin	Rev. F. B. Fagerburg
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1938	Milwaukee, Wis.	Rev. E. V. Pierce	Prof. Gordon Poteat
1939	Los Angeles, Cal.	A. J. Hudson	Rev. R. I. Wilson
1940	Atlantic City, N. J.	Prof. E. A. Fridell	Rev. C. W. Kemper
1941	Wichita, Kans.	E. J. Millington	Rev. D. A. Poling
1942	Cleveland, Ohio	Rev. W. A. Elliott	Pres. E. J. Anderson

* Names so designated indicate presidents and preachers no longer living.

NOTE—Convention presidents have included 18 laymen, 6 pastors, 8 educators, and one woman. Convention preachers have included 26 pastors, 7 educators, and 3 secretaries.

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It's a Little Thicker Than Usual

You have already noticed upon unwrapping this issue that it is a little heavier and thicker than usual. That is because eight pages have been added in order to include a pictorial summary of the needs of this year's World Emergency Fund which was enthusiastically approved at the Cleveland Convention. (See pages 332-333.)



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354-360 and then act on whatever impulse may be prompted by such reading.

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The traditional month for spring showers lived up to its reputation not alone meteorologically but also subscriptionally, for it brought a copious shower of subscriptions to MISSIONS. Total for April was 2,631 as compared with 2,235, a net gain of 396.

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Baptist Missionaries in the War Zones

One of the most interesting and effective pieces of literature ever issued by any of the national missionary societies is the eight-page folder, *Missionaries in War Zones*, by the Woman's Foreign Board. Almost exclusively photographic, it includes 69 photographs of women missionaries now interned in Japan, the Philippine Islands, Japanese-occupied China, Burma and in the free sections of China. Since this folder was published a few of the missionaries listed have been evacuated out of the war zones and some have succeeded in getting home. The remainder are still over there, carrying on in spite of difficulties and restrictions of all kinds. Only a limited edition of this folder, which will have historic signifi-

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LETTERS**From the Editor's Mail Bag**

Many of MISSIONS' unscriptural as well as unpatriotic editorials have prompted me again and again to write you. You have done your part, together with such myopic Americans as Lindbergh and Wheeler to hinder American preparedness. And surely you have done enough damage without exaggerating the Missouri lynching. Your editorial is an insult to every real American, and to your Baptist constituency. To put the brutal treatment of the poor Negro in Sikeston, Missouri, in the same category with Japanese fiendishness in China and the

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Student Assistant Charles Nelson Rice instructing other students in the Franklin College chemical laboratory

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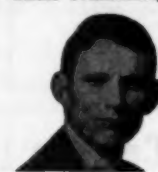
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women and children, whose only crime was that they were patriots, or stood in the way of a brutal war machine, or happened to be born "Non-Aryans," while the Sikeston Negro was at least alleged to have planned an attack upon an innocent white woman. While we must deplore and roundly condemn such brutality and demand the punishment of all such American outlaws, to make comparisons as you have done is odious and calculated to work harm to America and to our Baptist cause. If you write many more such editorials you will make Baptists a laughing-stock and objects of suspicion. We hope to see an apology in your next issue. For Christ, America and the Four Freedoms.—Rev. J. R. Turnbull, Ashland, Oregon.

I have read with interest the letters regarding your editorial, "Not Hatred but Penitence." I admire MISSIONS' stand. How could it be MISSIONS if it stood otherwise? I am only a laywoman, yet as I think of these enemy countries, if that is what we must call them for the time being, in my heart I cannot feel hatred or bitterness toward Germany, Japan or any other country or toward its people as a whole. I cannot approve of some forms of government. I cannot admire or respect some personalities. Yet in every land there are many people who have high ideals, who love the better things of life, and who would, if they could, live peace-

fully with their neighboring countries. Every country has given us much in Christian leadership, in music and in art. So I cannot feel that any country is all good, nor any country all bad. Instead of bitterness and hatred, I feel sorrow, that, because of unwise leadership, so many of the people in Germany and Japan have, I believe, against their own will or desire been thrust into this war. Remembering the Cross, how can we as Christians hate?—*Mrs. Louise Lord, Lowell, Mass.*

Your editorial on "The Ominous Prospect of a Race and Color War" was timely and, indeed, almost prophetic of this dark hour. The events you listed are cumulative signs of the fulfillment of the thesis set forth in Lothrop Stoddard's book. But champion as you are of the Christian concept of the brotherhood of man, and of the equality of the races, I feel that you should have disproved Mr. Stoddard's claim of white supremacy and superiority and his justification of the imperialism by the white race.—*Rev. Samuel Porter Stapp, Tipton, Ind.*

When I read your editorial, "The Ominous Prospect of a Race and Color War," I felt as if I were having a bad dream. Are not other "yellow" people—the Chinese—not our peril, but our help? Are not Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek proving to be great constructive leaders? As for their following Japan's lead—is not that a chimera? Do the 12 points in the editorial really add up? Have not several of them been disproved by more recent events? You say that no man can predict the future. Can we not predict the onward march of the Kingdom of God? Have we not a "glorious company of the apostles" in all these eastern lands? They are silent now perforce, and yet they hear Him say to them, even as to us, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."—*Ruth D. French, Milford, N. H.*

Permit me to express my enthusiastic appreciation of *MISSIONS*. Its composition, pictorial presentation, and editorial voice deal with eternal truth and are as fresh and timely as tomorrow. *Rev. C. O. Morong, Peoria, Ill.*

Away with Defeatism!

CARTOON NUMBER 89 BY CHARLES A. WELLS



ALTHOUGH the day-to-day news emphasizes the collapse of business and commerce and the disintegration of education and culture in Europe and Asia, the news from Christian enterprises is often otherwise.

To cite only one example from Europe, it seems incredible that the churches of Norway should report increased giving to foreign missions. And the heroism of Norwegian bishops and pastors in defying nazism is one of the glorious chapters in the history of European Christianity.

Inspiring news comes from the mission fields of Asia. In the three afternoon forums on missions at the Cleveland Convention (*see page 362*), it was frequently made clear that missionaries, although temporarily interned in Japan, Burma, the Philippines, and in occupied areas of China, are continuing their service, while India and free China present the greatest unrestricted missionary opportunities in the history of Baptist missions. And the vast missionary relief ministry in China has given Christian missions a status in public esteem that they have never had before.

Although the people in mission lands are suffering, the church endures. Bombs have shattered its buildings and scattered its members. Yet in the lives of redeemed people its roots are deep. It will survive the present world disaster as new proof of God's manifestation of Himself to man. This is not the time for defeatism in foreign missions.—*CHARLES A. WELLS.*

PHOTOGRAPHS AS NUMBERED

1—Western Regional Director Joseph A. Cooper and retiring B.Y.P.U. Secretary Edwin Phelps. 2—Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Judd. 3—Publication Society Secretary Richard Hoiland and Youth Fellowship Secretary Oliver DeWolf Cummings. 4—Home Mission Secretary Charles S. Detweiler and retiring missionary Antonio Mangano (see page 364). 5—Rev. and Mrs. G. H. (Continued below)



PERSONALITIES AT THE CLEVELAND CONVENTION

Waters who retired in 1936 after 37 years in South China. 6—New York State Convention Secretary R. E. Williamson. 7—Professor Gordon Po-teat and Rev. S. Arthur Devan in charge of chaplain appointments. 8—Rev. Thomas S. Roy, expert photographer and able preacher (see page 372). 9—President James H. Franklin. 10—Mrs. Earle Eubank and Mrs. C. D. Eulette. 11—Rev. and Mrs. Wayland Zwyer of Brooklyn, N. Y. 12—Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Smith of Burma (see page 364).

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Priorities at Cleveland



PRAYER yielded priority to "bombs bursting in air" when the Northern Baptist Convention at Cleveland, like a performance of grand opera, opened with the "Star Spangled Banner." The national anthem was first and the Convention prayer by Rev. Ralph A. Walker second. In the Memorial Day patriotic celebration on the Mall the national anthem was sung again. It belonged there. All sang it heartily. "There is a time for every purpose under heaven," wrote the author of Ecclesiastes.

With this single exception the Cleveland Convention was a convention of priorities in that it put first things first. Although several unsuccessful efforts were made to put the war first and to record the Convention for its support, the delegates, including many non-pacifists, wisely decided to leave that to the conscience and patriotism of individual Baptists or to their churches whom the Convention obviously cannot commit to anything anywhere at any time. So the war resolution loyally assures "willingness to do anything for the welfare of our country regardless of personal cost or sacrifice, with full regard for our individual consciences." The government need never worry about the patriotism of any Baptist who gives that his sincere support.

Really first at Cleveland was the superb program theme, "A Ministering Church in a Stricken World." From the opening keynote address until the new President's closing benediction, in all speeches, forums, discussions, and debates, constantly emphasized was the need of a dynamic and relevant spiritual ministry of the church that will keep brotherhood alive and

will proclaim love, faith, mercy, and hope in this age of hate, unbelief, misery and despair. "The Christian faith for the next generation," said Dr. D. R. Sharpe, "lives or dies with us." Only the church can preserve these spiritual values in a mad world that now diverts its total energy to the destruction of property and to the ghastly business of killing people.

Certainly worship had priority in 11 worship services and four memorable chapel hours by Dr. Harold C. Phillips. Missions had priority. Regardless of temporary curtailment in some areas, the missionary enterprise is about to enter its greatest era in spiritual world reconstruction. After a global war and for a global peace the church must think anew in terms of global Christianity. The adoption of another World Emergency Fund gave priority to a suffering world and to Baptist concern for a relief ministry now of utmost urgency. Primary also in the Convention's emphasis was the peace that is to come. Unless Christ has priority at the peace conference, the diplomats of imperialism, the apostles of American isolation, and the barons of rubber, tin, and oil will sit there again and the war will have been won in vain.

The Cleveland Convention will soon be forgotten but not its theme. For years to come this stricken world will need the healing ministry of reconciliation, the relief of misery, the reality of brotherhood irrespective of race or color, the evangel of an eternal Christ who lived and died that men might be free. To that high service all Baptists are summoned in the new convention year. In this disintegrating world the gospel alone is the universal priority. Nothing else will meet the needs of the human spirit.



The World Today



Current Events of Missionary Interest



Nearly 3,000 English churches have been destroyed or damaged by air raids since the beginning of the war. Among them are 352 Baptist churches, of which nearly half are in the London area

Bomb-Shattered British Churches Aided by Chinese Student Refugees

CHINESE refugee students and teachers, many of whom live in mud huts and sleep on bare boards, late in April sent a gift of \$960 in Chinese currency for the relief of bomb-damaged churches of England. The gift was forwarded by President Francis Cho-Min Wei of Central China College in Kunming, to Rev. William Paton, Secretary of the new British Council for Churches, who was then in New York, for transmission to London. "Our thoughts often turn to the suffering in England and particularly among our fellow Christians in the churches. You have been going through in your country the sufferings of war as we have been undergoing them for the last four and a half years in China except perhaps on a larger scale. You have our sympathy and our remembrances in prayer," said the accompanying statement by President Wei who designated the gift as "a token of Christian sympathy and fellowship." The gift represents contributions from faculty members and students of the Central China Christian College and the Canton Theological College. Both

institutions are among the "universities-in-exile." The student and faculty contributors are part of a refugee group of approximately 52,000, who evaded capture by the Japanese invaders by marching 1,500 miles from coast areas into the remote western provinces of China. Under severe hardships they are here pursuing their studies.

The City of Rangoon Was Inaccurately Named

THE conquest of lower Burma and the occupation of Rangoon by the Japanese served to focus attention on the city's original name. Rebuilt in 1753 by the Burmese King Alompra on a site of great Buddhist sanctity, the city was named Yan-Gon, which means "End of the War." Rangoon's fame is enhanced by the presence of the towering Shwe Dagon Pagoda which is reputed to contain actual relics of Gautama Buddha, who died in 483 B.C. Subsequent history proved the city's original name to be premature. During the first Burmese War in 1824 it was captured by the British, who later restored it to the Burmese. It was again captured by the British in 1852 and

thereafter retained. And now after 90 years of peace, another war again transfers the city to another conqueror. And the "End of the War" is not in sight. Moreover, still another transfer of control is destined to be the city's fate after the defeat of Japan. Shakespeare's often quoted query, "What's in a name?" applies also to Rangoon.

They Would Be of Little Use in a Japanese Concentration Camp

ACCORDING to the latest cablegram received at Foreign Mission Headquarters on May 14th, there are 26 Baptist missionaries still in Burma, 31 in Assam, 6 in Bengal-Orissa, and 27 in South India. The Assam figure includes 10 who recently succeeded in escaping out of Burma. The medical unit of Dr. Gordon Seagrave (see page 374) is still functioning and is probably now far up the Burma Road in China. How the Christians of Burma regard the evacuation of missionaries is revealed in a recent letter to a missionary from a prominent Christian leader in Burma whose name for reasons of safety cannot be divulged. The letter reads:

Since the United States is at war with Japan, you and all other missionaries in Burma ought to leave. No one will accuse you of deserting your work if you depart. You will be of no use to us in a Japanese concentration camp. We would much rather have you keep alive and well to return to us when this war is over.

That missionaries will return to Burma after the war and will then face a terrific reconstruction task is only too obvious. American Baptists must, therefore, not only continue their present support but they ought also to begin now to build up money reserves for a greater effort when the war ends. In the mean-

time in all the mission fields of the Orient, whether occupied by Japan or still free as in West China and India, missionaries are writing a new chapter which has already proved to be one of the greatest epics in the long and stirring history of Christianity.

War Again Demonstrates Its Timeless Quality

WAR'S disastrous effects on childhood becomes increasingly apparent. Based on Glasgow statistics reported by *Worldover Press*, England is experiencing a marked increase in infant mortality. Dr. Nora Wattie, Glasgow Senior Child Welfare Medical Officer, reports mortality of infants less than six months old climbing from 82 per 1,000 in 1939 to 109 in 1940 and on to 131 in 1941. Deaths due to premature birth rose from 20 to 29 per 1,000 while deaths from malformation at birth increased from 19 to 25 per 1,000. The majority of these are attributed to physical and psychological conditions of the mothers which in turn are due to air raids and other hazards of war. Reports from France indicate the average weight of babies has dropped to four and five pounds from the pre-war normal seven or eight pounds. Infant mortality statistics from Germany have not been made public. Conditions throughout Central Europe, in Poland, among the persecuted and ghetto-segregated Jews, in starving Greece, in the war devastated areas of Russia, and among the millions of Chinese refugees, can be left to sympathetic imagination. The toll of infant deaths is incalculable. Once again war demonstrates its timeless quality. It transcends time. It consumes the savings and destroys the construction of yesterday; it kills the youth of today; and it obliterates in infancy or condemns to dwarfed and stunted life the generation of tomorrow.

Remarkable Remarks

HEARD OR REPORTED HERE AND THERE

IN THE IDEA OF REAL EQUALITY between races lies the sure hope of the future. That idea of equality should shine before us like a light for the people of Europe, Asia, South America, Africa, and for the races in our own beloved land.—*Wendell L. Wilkie.*

EVEN THE SHOCK OF WAR has not been enough to make many people forget their past grievances against individuals and organizations. In some communities a proposal crucial to American defense will not be accepted because it is proposed by the "wrong" group.—*Prof. Alice Keliher.*

EVERY COUNTRY, EVERY GOVERNMENT, EVERY STATESMAN, has paid lip service to peace. But not all this tribute has been sincere.—*Maxim Litvinoff*, Russian Ambassador to the United States.

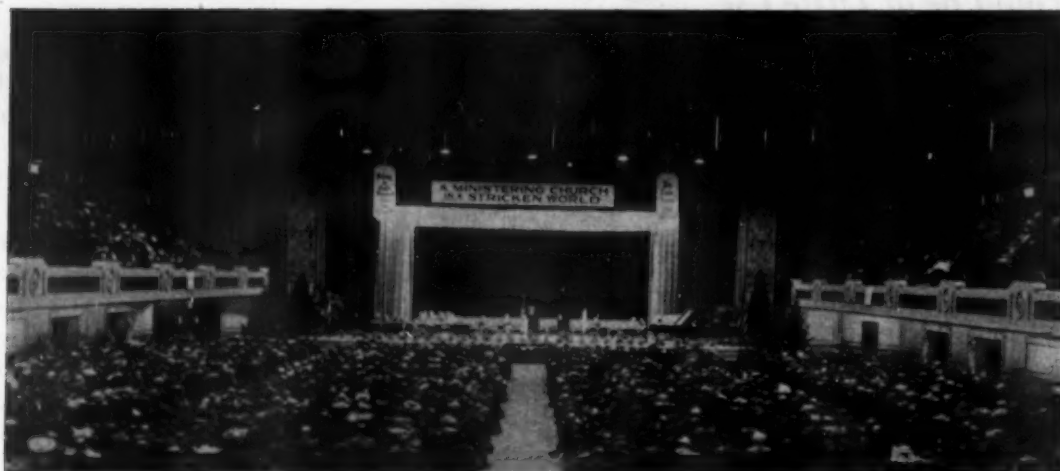
DEMOCRACY NEVER WAS and never can be a goose-step parade.—*Edward J. Phelan.*

THERE CAN BE NO PEACE until the democracies of the world, including the United States, proclaim now what they are ready to do to build a permanent peace.—*David Lawrence.*

It Was Done in Cleveland

A digest of important actions, decisions and elections at the Northern Baptist Convention

Summarized by WILLIAM B. LIPPARD



President W. A. Elliott delivering his presidential address. This photograph was taken from the rear balcony at a distance of more than 200 feet from the platform

The Largest Missionary Receipts in Ten Years

THE big news at Cleveland was the financial outcome of the fiscal year. For the second successive year the unified missionary budget was raised in full. Receipts exceeded the budget goal by more than \$130,000, thus providing a distributable surplus for the missionary agencies. Moreover the World Emergency Fund exceeded by \$3,000 its goal of \$600,000. Thus the denomination last year contributed a grand total of more than \$3,200,000, the largest of any year since 1932. To all whose cooperation made this significant achievement possible Dr. Earl Frederick Adams made appreciative acknowledgement. (See page 368.) One additional comment is pertinent. Having done it for two succeeding years, the denomination ought easily to do it a third time.

Baptist Response to World Emergency

RECEIPTS for the World Emergency Fund totalled \$603,000 all of which (less expense of collecting) was appropriated to the six major causes approved by the Wichita Convention a year ago. In the total was \$5,735 designated by donors for help to Baptist conscientious objec-

tors to war whom local draft boards have sent to various camps. The World Emergency Fund had included nothing for this purpose and therefore *only gifts so designated were applied*. To raise the entire \$603,000 involved a promotion and collecting expense for publicity, printing, office help, etc., of only \$42,000, only 7% instead of the 8% authorized by the Finance Committee.

Another World Emergency Fund

EVERYBODY expected that with the United States in the war, another World Emergency Fund would be needed. The amount is the same as last year to be distributed as follows:

General World Relief.....	\$160,000
Emergency needs of Aged Ministers.....	40,000
Foreign Mission Emergencies.....	100,000
Ministry to Soldiers.....	150,000
Ministry to Japanese Evacuees.....	50,000
College Emergencies.....	50,000
Unforeseen Emergencies.....	50,000
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	\$600,000

Over the World Emergency Fund Exhibit in the Exhibit Hall was a slogan, "We did it before; we can do it again." It needs only a slight amendment. "We shall do it again."

Home Mission Merger Is Postponed

AT WICHITA last year (*See MISSIONS, June, 1941, page 329.*) the two Home Mission Societies proposed a merger of their work and management, to be considered during the year and ratified at Cleveland. In a brief statement at the Tuesday afternoon session, Chairman A. W. Beaven, of the Home Mission Board, explained that for various reasons, heavy burdens placed on home missions by war conditions, need of more time for objective study of many problems of adjustment, difficult amid the tense atmosphere of war, and several other considerations, it seemed advisable to defer action. When the proposed merger would again be presented to the Convention for discussion was not reported.

From San Antonio to Cleveland

THE General Council viewed with grave concern the action of the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting May 13-17 in San Antonio, Texas, by vote, in accepting into membership a certain association of 31 Baptist churches in California, which is Northern Baptist Convention territory. A special committee of Judge E. J. Millington, Dr. C. W. Atwater, and President C. W. Koller was appointed to consider the entire situation. The General Council also requested the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to appoint a similar committee to join with the Northern Baptist Committee in order to discover an enduring basis of mutual integrity, good will, and cooperation.

Resolutions and Resolutions

OF THE making of resolutions at a Baptist Convention and of amendments there is no end. At Cleveland the resolutions covered a wide range of topics and issues, including denominational program; defense of spiritual freedom; moral issues such as gambling, liquor, vice in areas adjacent to army camps; and Sunday desecration; social issues like crime, labor, race prejudice, and the evacuation of Japanese on the Pacific Coast; relief to the starving people in Europe (vigorously debated but eventually left unchanged); the war (also vigorously debated with only minor changes voted) and the post war world; and the preservation of world Christian fellowship.

The Next Convention

THE Convention will meet next year (June 15-20, 1943) in Denver, Col. In 1944 it is planned to hold a joint meeting with the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Dr. C. O. Johnson is chairman of the special committee of arrangements. In case the joint meeting does not materialize and each Convention decides to meet separately, the Northern Convention will probably meet in the East.

In case war conditions, transportation difficulties, and other considerations necessitate a cancellation of next year's Convention, the Convention at Cleveland authorized a joint meeting of the General Council and the Council on Finance and Promotion with power to adopt the budget for the year 1943-1944 and to take such other actions as may be necessary. The status quo will prevail with respect to convention officers, committees, councils and boards. Any vacancy will be filled by action of the joint meeting unless otherwise legally provided for.

The New President

THE newly elected Convention President, Joseph C. Robbins, needs no introduction to American Baptists. Two years ago, because of age limit he retired from the staff of the Foreign Mission Society. (*See MISSIONS, April, 1940, page 222.*) Since then he has been on the Faculty of Andover Theological School. Upon a distinguished leader whose life for 40 years as a missionary and as a secretary, has been identified with foreign missions, the denomination now confers its highest honor.

A full list of other officers and board members elected at Cleveland appears on pages 391-392.

A Message to President Roosevelt

IN RESPONSE to a message of greeting from President Roosevelt which Dr. D. R. Sharpe read during the pageant on Saturday evening, the Convention just before final adjournment sent the following telegram to the President.

The Northern Baptist Convention in session at Cleveland is grateful for your greetings and good wishes. We express our willingness to do anything for the welfare of our country within the full sanction of our individual consciences, to achieve a Christian victory and to secure for the world a just and lasting peace, regardless of personal cost or sacrifice.

It Was Said in Cleveland

Epigrams and significant sentences from scheduled addresses and informal speeches at the Northern Baptist Convention

Compiled by WILLIAM B. LIPPARD

THE PRESENT WORLD is a living epistle of the judgment of God in history.—*Harold C. Phillips.*

THE TROUBLE WITH AMERICA is that the fear of the Lord has gone out of it.—*Earle V. Pierce.*

THE VERY FACT of the second World War shows that 25 years ago we lost the peace.—*Governor H. E. Stassen.*

THESE NEW MISSIONARIES are going out into the world not to destroy but to build, not to slay but to save.—*Paul Sturges.*

THE MODERN WORLD has not done justly nor loved mercy nor walked humbly before God, and we are paying for it.—*Luther A. Weigle.*

OUR WORLD CANNOT SURVIVE half Christian and half pagan.—*J. W. Decker.*

AMERICANS SAID IN 1919, "Let Europe go to hell, we will go to heaven." Now we see we cannot go to heaven if Europe goes to hell.—*Harold C. Phillips.*

WAR IS NOT THE WAY OF LIFE that God intended for man; yet we continue to do the economic things that inevitably lead to war.—*C. E. Brockway.*

THE REAL TRAGEDY OF THE WORLD is the total bankruptcy of statesmanship in the so-called Christian nations and democracies, including our own, in that it could neither avert nor modify the conditions that produced our catastrophe.—*Thomas S. Roy.*

A JUST PEACE MUST BE MORE THAN JUST PEACE. It is not an end to be pursued but the result of the pursuit of right ends.—*Roland W. Schloerb.*

AT THIS CONVENTION OUR SENSE OF ONENESS in Christ is the most important fact. No other loyalties should be allowed to weaken it.—*C. A. Heimsath.*

THE MORALE THAT COMES OUT OF A BOTTLE is not the morale that ought to be put into a battle.—*President G. B. Cutten.*

HATE IS NOT A MOOD OR A CONDITION. It is a malignant poison that is deliberately cultivated.—*Edwin McNeill Poteat.*

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CANNOT GROW in the soil of ignorance even if it is pious ignorance.—*President E. C. Herrick.*

DENOMINATIONAL ISOLATION is as outgrown as national isolation. How can we recommend in good faith the surrender of national sovereignties when we are unwilling to surrender denominational sovereignties?—*Justin Wroe Nixon.*

THE TROUBLE WITH THE CHURCH is that folks like you and me are in it.—*Emory W. Hunt*, quoted by *Charles A. Heimsath.*

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, we must not betray again an unborn generation.—*Harold C. Phillips.*

WE MUST WARN OVER AND OVER AGAIN that heroic men can die upon a battlefield in vain because of what occurs after a war.—*Governor H. E. Stassen.*

WE DID NOT KNOW when the first shot was fired in Manchuria ten years ago that peace is indivisible and that war can no longer be localized. We know it now.—*J. W. Decker.*

ONE OF THE BEST WAYS to kill a good cause is to frequently debate it.—*President E. C. Herrick.*

ARE WE BAPTISTS A DENOMINATION or only an aggregation?—*President Paul Thompson.*

THE GREAT HATERS of the world are not emotionally unstable. They are rationally implacable.—*Edwin McNeill Poteat.*

NEITHER HIROHITO NOR HITLER NOR MUSSOLINI will have the last word in history.—*D. R. Sharpe.*

THE WORLD CONFRONTS THE CHURCH today with the subtle and attractive plea to compromise her principles for present popularity and for promised power.—*L. B. Moseley.*

TWO THINGS WILL ABIDE THE WRECK OF WAR: God and human nature. These unchangeables are the basic and abiding concerns of the Christian church.—*W. A. Elliott.*

THERE IS NOTHING MORE TRAGIC than to stand still when God tells us to advance.—*Harold C. Phillips.*

TO REESTABLISH THE STATUS QUO of the pre-war period would simply sow the seeds for another war.—*Governor H. E. Stassen.*

IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE FOR AMERICA to win the war and lose her own soul.—*Harold Geistweit.*

THE MINDS OF SOME MEN are supposed to be thought factories when in reality they are museums of antiquities.—Quoted by *Thomas S. Roy*.

THERE IS ONLY ONE STATEMENT more profound than the statement, "God is," and that is the statement, "God is love."—*Harold C. Phillips*.

THE THINGS THAT COUNT are not the things that can be counted.—*Gordon E. Bigelow*.

THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO RAISE MONEY because it will soon be a bad time to raise it.—*President E. C. Herrick*.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DRINKS four times as much liquor per person as the nation as a whole and more than any other state or territory. Sometimes I have suspected that!—*President G. B. Cutten*.

ONE CANNOT TRULY HATE ONE for whom one truly prays.—*Edwin McNeill Poteat*.

THE BUDGET HAS BEEN ADOPTED. If now we waste any time in discussing it we will fail to raise it.—*Earl Frederick Adams*.

WE CANNOT LIVE CROOKEDLY in a morally square universe.—*Harold C. Phillips*.

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY NEEDS the bracing power of moral conviction and the sustaining grace of faith in God.—*Luther A. Weigle*.

ALL PEOPLES IN OUR SHRUNKEN WORLD are bound together. The fate of one is the fate of all.—*J. W. Decker*.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE THEOLOGY of Jonathan Edwards and our liberal Protestant theology is the difference between strong meat and weak milk.—*Harold C. Phillips*.

THE EXPLANATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN POWERLESSNESS through the years is found in our Christian faithlessness as stewards.—*R. S. Beal*.

ROGER WILLIAMS IS OUR DENOMINATIONAL HERO but he is a dead hero. If he were alive today many Baptist churches would not accept him in their membership.—*President Paul Thompson*.

A MINISTERING CHURCH IS OF LITTLE VALUE to a stricken world if it represents only an absentee and unsympathetic God.—*Sidney W. Powell*.

THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID to be ministers of love inevitably by default become ministers of hate.—*Edwin McNeill Poteat*.

ISOLATIONISM IN THE UNITED STATES IS NOT DEAD. It is only dormant for the duration of the war. It will flare up again after the war.—*Walter Van Kirk*.

THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS is a distinction without a difference. The

saving of a man in Cleveland is called evangelism, while the saving of a man in Shanghai is called missions.—*W. A. Elliott*.

LET NO GROUP MOVE TO THE PLACES OF GREATEST RUIN in advance of the representatives of Christ. Where others have been to loot, let us go to love; where others have been to destroy, let us go to rebuild; where others have been to terrorize, let us go to reconcile.—*L. B. Moseley*.

NO NATION OR RACE has a monopoly on the possession of unlovely attitudes toward other nations and races.—*Rolland W. Schloerb*.

AS AMERICANS WE THOUGHT OUR POLICY of isolation was our glory; it was actually our shame.—*Thomas S. Roy*.

THE APOSTLE PAUL SAID, "Knowledge puffeth up." In this era of bombing he would say, "Knowledge blows us up."—*Harold C. Phillips*.

UNLESS WE EVEN NOW EFFECTIVELY EXPAND the missionary enterprise, there remains nothing for our world but a hopeless looking forward to recurring hatred, greed, murder, chaos and war.—*Joseph M. Smith*.

THE BLACKOUT HAS NOT BEEN WITHOUT ITS BLESSING. It has given us back the stars.—Quoted by *Gordon E. Bigelow*.

IT IS NOT A QUESTION WHETHER BAPTIST PRINCIPLES, or Methodist form of government, or Presbyterian doctrinal emphasis are to survive; the mighty and menacing question is whether men will still believe in God at all, and whether religion of any sort shall survive.—*W. A. Elliott*.

I DESTROY MY ENEMIES when I make them my friends.—*Abraham Lincoln*, quoted by *Rolland W. Schloerb*.

DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF RACE OR CREED violates the fundamentals both of Christianity and of democracy.—*Elam J. Anderson*.

WE SHOULD INSIST THAT THE LIQUOR INTERESTS be no longer the pet of the President and of the Congress of the United States.—*President G. B. Cutten*.

IF MEN WILL NOT KNOW WILLINGLY the God of love, they will know unwillingly the God of wrath.—*Gregory Vlastos*, quoted by *Harold C. Phillips*.

HOW YOU AND I BEHAVE as Christians today will determine whether or not some future historian will pass judgment on the church in relation to the world crisis, and will say, "too little and too late."—*Russell Judson*.

WHEN CHRISTIANITY LOSES ITS MISSIONARY PASSION it is finished, for a religion that is not worth sharing is not worth having.—*Hillyer H. Straton*.

Lakeside Comment

Impressions of convention program features, incidents and personalities, as seen and heard in the lakeside city of Ohio

✦ The prize story of the Convention was told by Secretary R. L. Howard when introducing Mrs. Gordon S. Seagrave at the Wednesday afternoon session. (Page 365.) The exploits of Dr. Seagrave and his Harper Memorial Hospital Mobile Unit on the Burma Road have been so repeatedly featured in numerous newspapers and magazines that the name of Seagrave is almost a household word among Americans. According to the story, the Seagrave eight-year-old son in Mrs. Seagrave's temporary home in Granville, Ohio, was one evening gazing at the picture of General MacArthur. With justifiable pride in the exploits of his own father on the other side of the earth, the boy turned to his mother and asked, "Mother, if anything were to happen to General MacArthur, do you suppose they would ask daddy to take over?"

✦ Tire shortage, gas rationing, and curtailed railroad service were cited as reasons for the absence of fraternal delegates. For the first time no fraternal delegate from any other Baptist convention or from any other denomination was introduced to a Northern Baptist Convention. Most of those who were to have been present sent greetings by mail. While the reasons cited were valid, the absence of a Southern Baptist fraternal delegate caused some people at Cleveland to wonder whether his absence may have saved him some embarrassment in that he might have had to answer questions as to what happened at San Antonio last month where the Southern Convention accepted into its membership more than 30 Baptist churches in California which has always been Northern Baptist Convention territory.

✦ For the first time in Convention history the fundamentalists scheduled no evening session of their own pre-Convention conference. The liberalists likewise arranged no evening session of their Roger Williams Fellowship. Both groups united in a pre-Convention prayer-meeting. Devotional hymns, scripture readings from the Old and New Testaments, intercessory prayers by Rev. Vernon Olson, Rev. Hugh Chamberlain Burr, Secretary Roy E. Deer, and Mrs. O. R. Judd, featured a simple yet impressive service. Two devotional addresses were given respectively by Rev. Earle V. Pierce and Rev. Charles H. Heimsath. The audience, perhaps 2,000 in number, joined responsively in the closing litany of

consecration after which Rev. Ralph Walker pronounced the benediction. Whoever first conceived and carried this idea through to consummation deserves the gratitude of all who had the good fortune of sharing in its unifying spiritual experience. Something like this should have been done years ago. It ought to be done hereafter. When people pray together they forget the things that divide them and become more aware of the things that unite them.

✦ Of the four simultaneous forums which were held on three succeeding afternoons (See pages 361-362), the foreign mission forum had the largest attendance. The room first assigned to it was far too small. For the second and third sessions the forum met in the main auditorium. The large attendance and deep interest must be attributed not to the program nor to the participants nor to any controversial discussions. In fairly equal measure these features marked all four forums. The real reason was a genuine Baptist concern in the world mission of Christianity and an unshakable confidence that in this shaken world the foreign mission enterprise is not finished in spite of the well nigh insuperable obstacles which it faces in the Far East.

✦ It seemed as if everybody wanted to have dinner with the Social Progress Council. There was an overwhelming demand for tickets which were limited to 250, full capacity of the dining room of "The Old Stone Church on the Square." All were sold before the Convention opened. The lucky ticket holders listened to an address that in inspirational quality, eloquence, and relevancy to the present world situation was not surpassed by any address on the formal Convention program. The speaker was Dr. Walter Van Kirk of the Federal Council's Department on International Justice and Good Will. Twice during the Convention Dr. Van Kirk interpreted its proceedings over the national radio hook-up, "Religion in the News." At the Social Progress dinner his topic was "A Christian charter for Tomorrow's World," in which he urged the churches to demand that the mistakes of the last peace be not repeated so that after the present war "a true community of nations" will be established. It is a great pity that the entire Convention could not have heard his plea for an end of American political and economic isolation, for American accept-

ance of a program of international cooperation, and his magnificent tribute to the stand of the Christian church in this crisis. Why some delegates to Cleveland should have protested against Dr. Van Kirk's appearance is a mystery. What Baptist will take issue with him in this superb tribute? "The church as the Body of Christ still stands. The church is being the church and still exercises its right, under God, to resist the attempted desecration of its altars by the political puppets of a pagan society. Against the background of this vast arena of war and of desolation stands the church for which Christ died, its ramparts assaulted by the mass impact of a world gone mad and its structure shaken by falling bombs. But its altars still stand as a place of prayer for all people and its pulpits still proclaim the gospel of redemption for all mankind."

✠ The high cost of restaurant meals at Cleveland compelled numerous committees, commissions, college alumni gatherings and seminary reunions to change their former custom of luncheon and dinner meetings. Instead they scheduled breakfast meetings at 7:30 A.M. Ham and eggs proved to be a little cheaper than chicken à la king and roast beef. The early rising was hard on those who did not get to bed until after midnight. One of the most amazing sights in Cleveland was the long line of Baptist ministers who assembled in a cafeteria for the "All Convention Ministers' Breakfast." Slowly the long line moved past the serving counter where each man received his meagre sugar ration, his single allotted cup of coffee, and whatever else he chose to eat, and then took his place at one of the many tables. After all were fed they listened to Dr. W. S. Abernethy who retired last December after 20 years at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington. Speaking words of wisdom and counsel out of his long and fruitful ministry, he said, "These serious days call for serious preaching that is deadly in earnest. The tides seem to be flowing against us. Yet we ministers have today a greater responsibility than ever before to maintain high moral and spiritual levels among our people."

✠ Under the efficient management of Mr. Harold M. Greene of the Council on Finance and Promotion the Convention Exhibit surpassed even the remarkable exhibit at Wichita a year ago. Its features included free movies, daily programs of religious music, a unified home mission exhibit, a foreign exhibit where missionaries in costume explained curios and interpreted the present international situation as it involved their respective fields, a large and comprehensive book display of the Publication Society, and special booths for hospitals, schools,

colleges, seminaries, and other Baptist interests. An illuminated center piece of striking design illustrated what a dollar can accomplish for missionary work. An attractive lounge enabled weary delegates to rest and gossip with their friends.

✠ The tremendous ovation given President George B. Cutten for his address on "Liquor and the War" was something the like of which no one present could recall having witnessed at any previous Convention. Wave after wave of applause and enthusiastic cheering swept across the vast hall as the people stood at their seats while Dr. Cutten repeatedly bowed in acknowledgment. His address was ordered printed and sent to President Roosevelt and every Congressman. Dr. J. C. Massee urged that 5,000,000 copies be distributed throughout the nation. Still blessed with vigorous physical health and amazing intellectual capacity, Dr. Cutten nevertheless bows to the inexorable calendar. At age 68 he retires in August from the Colgate University presidency after a distinguished service of 20 years during which he handed diplomas to 3,339 men as compared with 2,777 during the entire preceding 103 years in Colgate's history. During his administration the university's assets grew from \$4,627,669 to \$9,961,054 and scholarship funds increased from \$4,443,382 to \$5,755,809. Before coming to Colgate he was for 12 years president of Acadia College in Nova Scotia. Long an apostle of the simple life and of rugged, wholesome individualism, he told the graduating class at his last commencement, "Comfort with its glamour, its seduction, attraction, and insidious infiltration, is the real fifth column of civilization."

✠ The enrolment, as announced just before final adjournment, totalled 2,491 delegates and 2,422 registered visitors, a grand total of 4,913, beyond most expectations in view of present conditions. Daily attendance ranged from approximately 1,000 at some business sessions to nearly 8,000 at the Saturday night pageant. Local attendance would have been much larger except that many Cleveland people are employed in war industries. The hours are long and some plants operate seven days a week.

✠ The finest tribute to the Convention was paid by a charming elevator operator in the headquarters hotel. Up and down 12 floors, she must have operated her elevator a thousand times throughout the week. The Baptist delegates must have impressed her by their courtesy and consideration, particularly when the elevator was crowded or the service was somewhat slow. One day she said to a lone passenger, "These Baptists are the finest Convention people we have ever had in this hotel."

Beyond the Reach of Japanese Invasion

Far north in the hills of Burma and beyond reach or scope of the Japanese invasion lies a mission field that is desperately in need of missionaries and a program of expansion to meet its extraordinary opportunity. What do Northern Baptists propose to do about it?

By CLARENCE E. CHANEY



S'ra Robbin on a hill top in northern Burma points out the area known as the Triangle

TO THE north of the world's most famous highway, the Burma Road, 134 miles from the frontier station of Myitkyina, and just inside the eastern border that separates China and Burma, is the area known as the Triangle. Here, bounded by two mighty source rivers of the great Irrawaddy, is a strip of land 150 miles long and 40 miles wide. High mountain ranges divide this territory from the Hukong Valley to the west and from China to the east. Only 15 years ago Sir Harcourt Butler opened the Hukong Valley for British administration, abolished human slavery, and allowed Christian missionaries to enter. Shortly thereafter, the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society established missionary work. Now comes the call to American Baptists to enter in and evangelize the Triangle. Here 40,000 people, the very flower of the Kachin nation, wait for the gospel. A great territory hitherto closed to missionary penetration is now opened to Baptists. Government officials are urging, indeed almost insisting, that a missionary family be sent to meet this opportunity.

The story of the mission to the Kachins is a thrilling chapter in the annals of Christian missions. In 1878 the late Dr. W. H. Roberts began service in Bhamo. In 1893 his work was extended 100 miles to the north to Myitkyina, and in 1906 to Namkham, 60 miles east. Within

the last 10 years Kutkai, right on the Burma Road, has seen the establishment of a thriving Kachin center with a training school for Kachin preachers. Among the 150,000 to 160,000 sturdy Kachin mountaineers in the area thus far evangelized, about every 14th man I meet is a Christian.

The Kachins are a virile and able people, although primitive, rapidly forging their way into civilization. The British government as well as Christian missions are deeply interested in giving them every facility. The Triangle area is the

The women in this district are handsome, alert, strong and responsive to the gospel. First woman missionary to tour this vast area was Miss Lucy Bonney



very heart and center of this Kachin nation. Once the Hukong Valley was opened to mission work, it became apparent that the entire Triangle would be a fruitful field. The Kachin Baptist Convention was alert to this opportunity, and on three successive occasions urged upon the Burma Mission the establishment of a special station in the Triangle. But funds were limited and the mission reluctantly said, "No." Then in sheer disappointment and in eager desire to give the gospel to that land, the Kachin Convention itself decided to open work in the Triangle. More than 7,000 rupees was allocated to begin the work. S'ra Robbin and his wife were appointed to be their representatives. The Kachin Convention rose to a supreme effort, and the project was launched. In cooperation

BELOW: S'ra Robbin with Lung Jung, his helper, and five candidates for baptism



with us the Government allowed this plan of indigenous leadership to be carried out, and the outpost of Sumpraboom was established. Dr. R. L. Howard was the first Foreign Secretary to visit Sumpraboom. On that visit five years ago a Chevrolet car covered the 134 miles from Myitkyina to the mountain-top of Sumpraboom in 11 hours. It had taken 11 days for S'ra and Mrs. Robbin to make the trip on mule back when they opened this work. In the auto road which Dr. Howard used there is not a straight stretch of 100 yards in 100 miles. Almost all of the road winds through dense jungle.

S'ra Robbin is the leader of the Christian approach to the Triangle. What a curious figure he is. His trousers and coat are of a cut no tailor would recognize. His beard is too thick to be ignored, yet too scraggly to be called real whiskers. His head is topped by a silk turban of McQueen tartan. The lines of his bronzed face

and his fine, kindly eyes, tell of years of intimate fellowship with his Master. For 29 years he was in Government service as Inspector of Kachin schools. He owns a house on the banks of the Irrawaddy at Myitkyina. A comfortable pension seemed to assure many quiet years in that congenial Christian community. Then came the challenge of the Triangle. The Kachin Baptist Convention saw in the Triangle a marvelous opportunity and responsibility for bringing the gospel to their brethren who knew not Christ, and they asked S'ra Robbin to open the new work. The jungle had to be cleared. Materials had to be gathered and buildings erected. The Kachin Baptist Convention stood by him nobly. Into its treasury all of the Kachin Baptist churches turned all their regular contributions.



ABOVE: Missionary G. A. Sword, a Kachin pastor and their touring party resting by the side of the road

A Home Mission Board now administers the funds, and sees that each church has pastoral care. Practically all of the work is self-sustaining. In 1940, of a total of 96 Kachin schools, 90 were self-supporting, while 64 of 66 Kachin churches were self-supporting.

Five years ago Dr. Howard saw the evidences of the fine work of S'ra Robbin—piles of boards, beams, stone, and sand for buildings, a neat little home of timber and tin for S'ra Robbin and his wife, girls' and boys' dormitories, a granary, and a chapel-school of bamboo. On Saturday the "mandat," a temporary structure of bamboo frame covered with galvanized iron sheets, was packed with 600 people. At a baptismal service in a mountain stream, eight were baptized. Thus the seed sown by Dr. W. H. Roberts and his successors was bearing fruit.

During the following five years the burden of administering all the details of this Triangle

work proved too great for the inexperienced, though willing, Kachins, and for a time the door was closed to our entering the Northern Triangle. Miss Lucy Bonney of the Woman's Society was permitted to tour a limited area of the Southern Triangle, but more extensive work was not possible.

And now the opportunity has once more been opened. The war and the tense situation in the East has intensified many problems. There is almost a forced growth along social and educational lines in the Kachin Hills. The Burma mission has enthusiastically seconded what the government has been doing to raise social and educational standards among the Kachin people. But all recognize that there is a deeper need that the government cannot meet—some provision for the spiritual development of these sturdy mountain folk. Especially is this true as these movements that sweep the world today tear the Kachins loose from their ancestral and traditional animism, or spirit-worship, and set them adrift in this new world with no welcome substitute for the bondage of darkness and paganism. To such people Christ's message comes as a glorious sunrise in a new and promising day.

The government now urges that we assign a missionary family to this new area. The territory is too large, the distances from our present station too far, and the difficulties of travel too great to make it possible to administer the work from Myitkyina. Even if Rev. L. A. Dudrow were to travel continuously, it would require from two to three months to go from Myitkyina to the northernmost parts of the Triangle and back again. Great mountains form an impassable barrier. It is therefore not practicable to add the Triangle to the present Myitkyina Field.

Could a family from some other Kachin station be transferred to the Triangle to take advantage of this opportunity? Hardly. Already our regular Kachin work is seriously handicapped for lack of missionaries, and this will be increasingly so in the future. The war makes it impossible for Rev. and Mrs. England with their small children to return to Bhamo. Miss Rebecca Anderson, urgently needed among the Pwo Karens of Lower Burma, has had to be sent to Bhamo. Mr. and Mrs. Dudrow are already remaining in Burma a year beyond their fur-

lough time. And Rev. and Mrs. Gustaf Sword of Kutkai are due to leave for furlough in America next year. Mr. Sword wrote me recently: "At our Kutkai Kachin Bible Conference we found that 316 households had given up spirit worship and become Christians, and 396 had been baptized and joined the church. In several districts there are now more Christians than spirit worshipers. These people are faithful, but they need help, instruction, and guidance, a missionary to encourage them and point them to Christ and remind them of His promises. I should be out visiting and helping these folks more, strengthening them in their faith; but I am not as young and strong as I once was. I must also give time to the Kachin Bible Training School and to the writing of some very necessary religious books of all kinds. Here in Kutkai another man and his wife are needed right away so that when I go home in 1943 some one can take over this vast field. Mrs. Sword and I have worked very hard this term, and we shall need the furlough when it is due." Obviously they cannot be transferred to the Triangle area.

And the assignment of a single woman is not feasible. The government does not look with favor upon single women's attempting to tour these remote mountains.

In the Triangle are thousands of people, desperately in need of spiritual help and guidance, pleading that missionaries be sent them. They are beyond the scope of Japanese conquest. The invasion of Burma will not reach them.

In this Triangle area live the leading Kachin chiefs, and the most stalwart of the Kachin people. In the Triangle are those who, when won for Christ, will influence all the Kachin Tribes everywhere. Baptists opened the work for the Kachins. Baptist missionaries reduced the Kachin language to writing, gave the Kachins the entire Bible in their own language. Baptists have organized the splendid schools, helped establish the self-supporting Kachin churches of the Bhamo, Myitkyina, Namkham, and Kutkai Fields. It is our Baptist privilege and responsibility to enter this new territory. If we cannot or do not provide for the religious development of the Kachins of this area, then on what grounds can we plead that it be reserved for us? How can we object if the government turns to some other

Christian mission to supply the spiritual leadership needed to supplement the educational, social, and administrative work which the government is undertaking in this territory?

The formerly wild, fighting tribes of spirit-worshiping, spirit-fearing Kachins have found

in Christ deliverance from the bondage of that all-embracing fear which is the curse of animism. Well they know, "If the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." It is for American Baptists to say whether hundreds more of their kinsmen shall know this freedom.



Missionary L. A. Dudrow at the entrance to a pagan Kachin home in The Triangle

FACTS AND FOLKS

Late in April General Secretary W. O. Lewis of the Baptist World Alliance left the United States and arrived safely in England. War censorship does not permit publishing the sailing date, the name of the ship on which he sailed, the North American port from which he sailed, or the British port at which he arrived. After participating in the 150th anniversary celebration of the British Baptist Missionary Society (*See MISSIONS, March, 1942, page 135*), and filling numerous engagements he plans to return home late in June.



Rev. Stanley I. Stuber, Secretary of Publicity of the Council on Finance and Promotion, has been appointed Executive Secretary of the World Relief Committee to succeed Rev. Paul H. Conrad. (*See page 375.*) He will divide his time between the two positions. Mr. Stuber has served the denomination in various capacities for the past 12 years. Two years ago he was secretary of the Convention Program Committee and last year

News brevities reported from all over the world

was a member. Prior to its removal to Washington, D. C., he was co-editor of *The United States Baptist*. At Cleveland last month he again edited the news page in *The Northern Baptist Convention Daily Bulletin*. He joined the staff at Baptist headquarters last January, after nine years as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Clifton Springs, N. Y., and four years as Chaplain of the Clifton Springs Sanitarium.



The Harper Memorial Hospital Mobile Unit, organized by Dr. Gordon S. Seagrave for service with the Chinese armies in Burma (*see MISSIONS, May, 1942, page 265*) has had a welcome addition to its medical staff. Dr. Anna B. Grey of the Ellen Mitchell Memorial Hospital, maintained by the Woman's Foreign Mission Board in Moulmein, Burma, was compelled with other missionaries to evacuate Moulmein when the Japanese in-

vaded Burma. After arriving in India she took a plane for Lashio and from there proceeded to Namkham, the frontier station between Burma and China where the Harper Hospital is located. Dr. Grey was born in Evanston, Ill., and studied at Denison University, the University of Chicago, and at the Rush Medical College, where she developed a decided aptitude for surgery.



The Baptists in Germany, according to information received by General Secretary W. O. Lewis of the Baptist World Alliance, recently consummated a merger with some smaller religious groups that practiced believers' baptism. Unfortunately the denominational paper known as *Der Wahrheitszeuge* (*Witness for Truth*) has been discontinued because of the shortage of paper which has brought about the suspension of all religious periodicals in Germany. Dr. Lewis also reports that religious conventions are not permitted if attendance depends on railroad transportation.

A Severe Test For American Democracy

The evacuation of thousands of Japanese Americans from the Pacific Coast presents a terrific problem to the church and offers a crucial test for the reality of American democracy

By E. A. FRIDELL

A NEWSPAPER circulated by a well known patriotic organization on the Pacific Coast recently featured a headline: "Slap a Jap." One manufacturer is finding a ready market for large badges which read: "Hunting license—open season on Japs—no limit on numbers." A newspaper columnist writes: "... what we need is a tremendous wave of emotion, a passionate hate that will make us and our women and children fight with bare hands. . . ." As opposed to this attitude many Christians believe that they cannot combat fascism by adopting the ideological weapons of fascism; furthermore, that to promote fascism is to divide our people, lend aid to totalitarianism, and undermine the highest ideals for which our nation strives.

California includes within its borders the major number of people of Japanese origin who now reside in the United States. Of the 93,000 in the state, 60,000 are citizens by virtue of the fact that they were born in this country. Thousands of others have lived here for long periods and would gladly have become citizens but for the *Exclusion Law which denied them that privilege.*

On a percentage basis it is probably true that no racial group can equal the Japanese in the sacrifices which they make to secure for their children the best education which the American school system can provide. More than 2,300 of their sons and daughters were enrolled last year in the colleges of the United States.

Of special interest to American Christians is the fact that in California there are more than 80 Japanese-American Protestant churches. Some of the largest young people's conferences held regularly on the Pacific Coast are those which are promoted by and for the young Japanese-American Christians.

Overwhelmingly the leaders among Japanese-American groups have demonstrated their eager-

ness to cooperate with our government regardless of widespread economic loss and regardless of wounded pride which for them must inevitably accompany our apparent lack of confidence in the inter-racial outworkings of democracy.

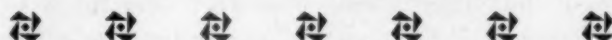
A major American problem, and one which should give cause for serious alarm, is the fact that non-white citizens, devoted to the finest patriotic ideals, are being subjected to indignities unworthy of the traditional American spirit. To offset this unpatriotic attitude on the part of some white citizens, the Christians in every community must be reminded of their personal responsibilities in these difficult days. Our treatment of non-whites here is broadcast throughout the world. Mistreatment becomes immediately for the enemies of America the equivalent of bombers and battalions. Moreover, such mistreatment is heralded as indicating the utter collapse of the democratic way of life. And it easily furnishes support to Japanese propaganda that Japan as champion of the colored races is fighting for their liberation from white domination.

Moreover, every evidence of hatred toward a member of another racial or language group in the United States furnishes excuse for retaliation against our own sons and brothers in the widespread lands with which our nation is at war. Spitefulness here easily becomes a death blow to loved ones over there.

The future plans of the government regarding the distribution of evacuees have not yet been announced. Thousands of these evacuees have been the highly esteemed and valued members of communities in which they have so long dwelt. Here on the Pacific Coast, those who have known some of them most intimately have prized their friendship most highly. For the

future health of American life and to the end that all racial groups should become enthusiastic citizens in spirit and in truth, loyal Japanese-Americans should not be isolated for any length of time from normal American contacts. If, however, these thousands are to live normal lives, there will need to be widespread resettlement in many communities. Their college youth must be welcomed to institutions of higher learning in many states. To prepare communities for such experiences in democracy is the high privilege of the members of the Christian church.

The least then that a white American can do is to respond with generosity to that large measure of cooperation which has been so evident on the part of evacuees and to welcome them wherever they go with that courtesy and hospitality which will make them proud to be a vital part of American life. Let us remind ourselves and others that racial understanding and mutual good-will are an essential of true Americanism and that all who spread misunderstanding and hatred are the enemies of our land and are hindering the world-wide triumph of democracy.



Enemy Aliens in My Home Town

Having often sympathized with the evacuees driven from Nova Scotia, as told in Longfellow's "Evangeline," and having often condemned the heartless expulsion of the European Jews, it is time now for Americans to become concerned over an evacuation problem in their own land

By MIRIAM BATTEN PEASE

THE evacuation of some "60,000 Americans of Japanese parentage" is being accomplished with good American thoroughness. Once again the nation is being saved from the "treachery of Fifth Columnists." The spectacular forced migration of many thousands of families, in the name of military necessity, to territories that are unfit for human habitation (*otherwise they would not have remained unsettled*), to inland states whose governors have hastened to declare these evacuees most unwelcome, is proceeding satisfactorily.

Down through the years millions of American school children have ached with pity for the woes of an imaginary Evangeline or have flamed with indignation over the forced evacuation of the Acadians from their peaceful Nova Scotian village. Their woes, our teachers assured us, accompanied an 18th century civilization. And how often in recent years we condemned the compulsory mass migrations of Jews, Poles, Chinese, and other victims of man's inhumanity to man. Rather loftily our school girl minds prided ourselves that we Americans would never

have been guilty of such injustice. So we are assured that this removal of Japanese families is for an entirely different reason. It is only for the duration, and therefore there should be no bitterness involved. If there is no bitterness, if this removal of these Americans of Japanese descent, most of them just as patriotic as you and I, has been accomplished with no sting or bitterness engendered in them, then they are more noble souls than you and I can ever be.

Possibly, however, they may have been geared up to this for months, even years. All of these months while we have been arming Japan with our scrap iron, our gasoline and our trucks, many of us have been regarding the Japanese-Americans with increasing suspicion. Jobs in the west coast states have become increasingly scarce, especially for college trained Japanese. A friend of mine in California had for her weekly cleaning woman a Japanese girl with her master's degree from a leading west coast university. Some of these American Japanese have felt humiliated and bitter as they faced the future black with despair and uncertainty. Others have accepted evacuation with a spirit of sacrifice and tolerance truly Christlike.

Now that the evacuation of more than 60,000 Americans of Japanese descent from their homes is a *fait accompli*, what of the communities to which they have gone, or to which they must go? Inland states may accept some of them if no large scale invasion threatens an economic upset. In smaller communities they may be permitted to find some work on the farms, particularly in the sugar beet fields.

Several families have already arrived in my own small inland town in Montana. In one of them there are 11 children, mostly boys. They not only speak no Japanese, but they speak better English than most Americans in my town. They owned a fine farm on the Columbia River. Here they will work in the beet fields, where a serious labor shortage is developing. Such work would be too difficult for the daughter. So a Christian woman accompanied her to the employment office where the girl registered for work as a stenographer. Even in my town it is doubtful whether she will ever find employment. The family are very tolerant about the whole situation, saying that this is the price they must pay to the military party of Japan.

They have never attended any church. The churches in my town have already accepted them as a missionary opportunity so that by friendliness and sympathy they might mitigate the bitterness and sting of their present situation. But when winter comes these Japanese will not be allowed to migrate to warmer climates and more work, like other beet sugar workers. Yet eleven people must be fed and high rents must still be paid. By that time how will the children begin to feel toward their native land?

The Japanese families who migrated to my town have been more fortunate, but they can continue to be so only as the churches make every opportunity to secure for them fair and friendly treatment. Thus the churches have a real mission field right on their own doorsteps, but it will open only as sympathetic understanding helps the evacuees to find some adjustment in the community life.

In the mass resettlement, where no real solution is possible without government help, lies a real opportunity for denominational and inter-denominational church groups. The hopelessness and bitterness of this larger group may

make assimilation after the war exceedingly difficult. Foreign missionaries who are prevented from returning to service in Japan, if placed in these resettlement areas, could aid in the solution of the whole problem as they seek to help the older Japanese, especially, find a home, work and some adjustment. Thinking and speaking their language they could assist these older Japanese, whose attitude must affect even the native born. Some emergency action should be taken to meet this need lest it become an open national sore. It is much more romantic to weep over the woes of an imaginary Evangeline in that far-off day, or to shed tears over the fate of the wandering Jew in Europe than to feel any real kinship with these unfortunate victims of American "military necessity," ill advised as it has been.

There is enough corporate good will lying around that, if organized, could safeguard these unfortunates. The American Civil Liberties Union has protested the violation of their constitutional rights even in a time of war. The Christian church certainly must not lag behind in seeking to meet their need. Not many towns can find employment for large groups of families, but for smaller units and individual families work could be found by the collective will of our church groups.

There is enough misery and suffering in the world today about which we can do nothing. Here at least we can meet a definite need with an attempt at a definite solution, until the voice of sanity and reason can drown out some of the hysteria and rabble-rousing clamor of certain raucous voices. To most of us such an evacuation seemed so unthinkable and was done so quickly that it was accomplished without an appreciable protest, organized enough to affect the situation. Examination of individual cases and records should establish beyond the shadow of a doubt the loyalty of most of these Japanese-Americans. These should be permitted to return to their homes and if possible to resume their life again as soon as possible. In the meantime we must seek to help erase some of the blackness of this page in our American history. These so-called "enemy aliens" have arrived in many of our inland towns. It remains to be seen what we shall do about them.

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Will the masses of India accept or repel the invasion by Japan? That question may be answered by the time this issue is printed

The masses of India need more than political concessions or Hindu and Moslem cooperation. They need above all the gospel

Facing the Threat of Japanese Invasion

Facing the eventual possibility of the Japanese invasion of India, a note of apprehension marks the annual South India Baptist Mission Conference as one of the missionaries remarks that this may prove to be their last meeting

IN THE spacious Ramapatnam Mission Compound where the palmyra palms point heavenward and the banyan trees drop their roots earthward, the Baptist missionaries of South India met to plan how the Christian enterprise may grow deeper in Indian soil. The pounding of the sea on the beach reminded us frequently of our link with the rest of the world in its chaotic condition. It was the annual conference (December 30, 1941-January 5, 1942) of the whole missionary family, many of whom work in more or less remote

Reported by RUTH THURMOND

places and do not have the opportunity of seeing each other often. Thus the conference provides a stimulating week of work and worship, games and fellowship, discussion and debate.

Throughout the conference the quiet of our immediate surroundings impressed us in contrast to the disturbed conditions in many other mission lands. One speaker mentioned that with all the uncertainty in the world this might be our very last conference. Another

speaker pointed out that there was reason to take courage when we remember that in innumerable South India villages every Sunday there gather together Christian groups for prayer, singing, and listening to the sermon whether a missionary can be present or not. Whatever may be the future of the mission enterprise in this land, we are confident that the Indian Christians will not fail.

Rev. Philip S. Curtis was elected chairman; Dr. J. S. Carman, vice chairman; and Miss Susan C. Ferguson, secretary. Having served efficiently and capably as Field Secretary for two years, Rev. E. Erickson was again re-elected for the coming year. Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Klahsen were in charge of the bountiful food arrangements. Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Manley, Miss Reilly, and Miss Rowland provided hospitality for all.

It was realized by all that during this time of stress our mission should make a forward move. Much thought and discussion were given to the transfer of leadership to the Indian Christians. Much stress was placed on the Baptist principle of the churches accepting a larger measure of responsibility.

The series of morning devotional services was led by Rev. C. W. Ranson of the Methodist Missionary Society on the Conference theme, "I am the Way." His clear thinking, apt choice of words, fine delivery, and spiritual understanding made a profound impression. For his first devotional period his topic was the Eternal Christ. Other periods dealt with Christ the Way to God, Christ the Way to Victory, Christ the Way to Service, and Christ the Way to Peace. Afternoon devotional services following tea under the banyan tree were led by Mrs. T. Wathne, Rev. L. E. Rowland, Dr. R. M. Stover, and Miss Dorothy Asplund, all of whom recently came from America. On the last day the closing meditation was conducted by Rev. Drew Varney.

Afternoon sectional conferences were led by Mrs. P. S. Curtis on Evangelism, by Miss L. A. Keans on Education, and by Miss Harriet Barrington on medical work. During the conference two thought provoking papers were presented, respectively by Miss Susan C. Ferguson on "Young people's work," and by Dr. F. P. Manley on "The Church in the New World Order."

At the Saturday evening social a hearty welcome was extended to Miss Asplund, Dr. and Mrs. Stover (in absentia) who have newly come to the field during the year, and to Mrs. Fred Christenson, bride of less than a year. Mr. and Mrs. T. Wathne, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rowland, Mr. B. M. Johnson, and Miss Grace Bullard were welcomed back from furlough.

The Sunday services included a junior church service for the children of missionaries, a Telugu Service at which Rev. E. B. Davis

preached, a Memorial Service conducted by Mrs. E. B. Davis, and an English Service at night at which Rev. T. Wathne gave the sermon.

Distinguished Negro Minister Honored in Atlanta

More than 6,000 citizens of Atlanta, Ga., crowded into the Municipal Auditorium to honor Dr. Edward Randolph Carter on his 60th anniversary as pastor of Friendship Baptist Church

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

MORE than 6,000 citizens of Atlanta gathered in the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, April 19th, for the 60th anniversary of the ministry of Dr. Edward Randolph Carter at Friendship Baptist Church, Atlanta's oldest Negro congregation. The big audience was equally divided between the two races.

Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, and former President of the Baptist World Alliance, preached the sermon. Several years ago Dr. Carter had asked Dr. Truett to be the preacher on this occasion.

Letters of congratulation and appreciation were read from the President of the United States, the President of the Baptist World Alliance, Georgia's senior United States Senator, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and many others.

The Mayor of Atlanta presented to Dr. Carter a basket of flowers, as did the Christian Council of Atlanta, composed of the white ministers of the city. The white Baptist ministers presented him an anniversary gift of 60 silver dollars.

Tributes from every group, white and colored, of the entire city's life were paid by prominent citizens. Mr. Ralph McGill, editor of Atlanta's morning newspaper, *The*



Dr. Edward Randolph Carter in his pulpit in Atlanta's Friendship Baptist Church which he has served for 60 years

Atlanta Constitution, in a front page story on the following morning, declared: "This was the most hopeful meeting I have ever seen in Atlanta."

The suggestion was made at the meeting that the people of Atlanta raise \$60,000 as an endowment for the Carter Memorial Chair of Religion at Morehouse College.

While Dr. Cartér was responding to the tributes paid him, word reached the meeting of the passing of his wife. They had been married 65 years. He has served Friendship Baptist Church continuously since 1882. He was one of the original founders of the Baptist World Alliance in 1905, and for many years he has been active in the work of the National Baptist Convention of America. He is loved by all the people of Atlanta.

Annual Convention in Puerto Rico

A long and dangerous auto trip and an inspiring convention

By MARGARET HORTON WEBBER

FOUR passengers for Ponce, Puerto Rico, with bags and packages for twice that many, climbed into the car of Rev. G. A. Riggs. Instructions to delegates had read: Take sheets, pillowcases, blankets and mosquito net. A considerable part of our luggage was books, papers, and reports.

The road from Rio Piedras to Cayey, not quite halfway over the central range, is a familiar route to us, but the rest of the way was new, for I can count on one hand my trips to the south of Puerto Rico. The grades and curves of the road are as daring as those of a roller coaster, but fortunately we don't take them at that crazy speed. Down the southern slopes our way was lined with the West Indian birch trees, dripping with gray Spanish moss. Through the towns we saw another kind of moss that grows in tufts on the telephone

wires over the streets. This is found in no other place in the world.

Ponce is a clean, attractive city with many old buildings brightly painted and well kept. San Juan has preserved only the historical spots, but Ponce has all the old atmosphere, the worn plastered brick walls that hide all but the tops of the radiant flowers and foliage that reach over from the sheltered patio, the high-porched, spacious houses with gay-tiled steps that come right down to the sidewalk. The Baptist Church is near the center of the city. It backs up to a fine new post office, and about half a block east is a new market with the reputation of being the best on the Island for variety and quality of fruits and vegetables, and being well littered and unfragrant. A large open pavilion in the church patio, where the Primary Department meets, was the convention dining room, and the proprietor of a nearby restaurant, a member of the church, was the "caterer." We were the guests of a Congregational Church pastor and his wife. We had room and to spare, and they made us most welcome. On Sunday noon we were guests at a turkey dinner of a fine young family with three children. The parents are active in our church, and diligent in the training of their children.

The Young People's Assembly met first, and the convention of the churches followed. A splendid spirit pervaded our meetings. It is wonderful to notice from year to year how our leaders are developing in character and vision. The sense of responsibility for their own work is growing and can be seen in the increased contributions to our two missionary fields, Guzman Arriba and Guayama, and to the interdenominational work among the lepers, prisoners, etc. Mr. Riggs was elected president of the convention for this his last year, and the assembly is to be held in Rio

Piedras next year. He presented a long line of new workers, the longest he remembers, he said. Among them was the first of our pastors' sons to follow in his father's steps. Clara Sherman was the only woman. Every one was amazed at the rapidity with which she is learning Spanish. On Saturday night the service was held in the Ponce Theater and was broadcast. Sunday morning after Sunday school, Miss Palacios, who is soon retiring, after 36 years of service, was given special recognition.

The return drive late on Sunday night could scarcely have been a more difficult trip, with rain and fog, and the danger of boulders from a landslide in the middle of the road, but we came safely through and arrived back in Rio Piedras tired and sleepy about 1:30, Monday morning.

Easter Sunday Baptisms Among the Indians

Twice Rev. E. M. Steadman of Denver, Col., has served as guest evangelist for the Kiowa Indians in Western Oklahoma. Shortly before Easter he assisted in a series of meetings for the Indians in Arizona. He and Rev. P. L. Jackson, resident missionary, drove 908 miles to get to various appointments. During the two weeks of meetings 96 Indians reconsecrated their lives to more faithful Christian living, and nine accepted Christ for the first time and were baptized on Easter Sunday. The Indians showed their gratitude by sending a generous offering to the Home Mission Society for the work that Mr. Steadman is doing. They also invited him to come back next summer and be their evangelistic preacher for their camp meeting. The Presbyterian Indian church at Prescott cooperated in the meetings and offered the use of their church building.

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Convention Program Appeasement That Must Never Happen Again

A CLEVELAND CONVENTION program adjustment, made behind the scenes, has such dangerous implications that it needs to be given publicity. With sincere reluctance *MISSIONS* discusses it and only because the denomination and especially 6,000 pastors have a right to know the facts.

On the original program (*See MISSIONS, April 1942, pages 228-229*), Dr. A. J. Muste of New York's Labor Temple was scheduled to address the Convention on, "The Church and the Labor Movement." Immediately several fundamentalist brethren protested against his appearance. Dr. Muste had admittedly been a communist, but like a prodigal he had returned to the Christian faith. Some of the protesting brethren were informed of this fact, but it was too late to ease the pressure on the Convention President. So he asked the Program Committee to agree that Dr. Muste be requested to withdraw. Perfect Christian gentleman that he is, Dr. Muste graciously and courteously acquiesced.

The implications of this incident are unfortunate. The precedent it established is dangerous. It prompts several disturbing questions.

Was this an ecclesiastical example of the policy of "appeasement," that is so thoroughly discredited in international relationships? Did the protesting brethren assume for themselves an unwarranted right of censorship over a program that had been projected by a democratically appointed and thoroughly representative committee of Baptists and approved officially by the denomination's General Council? Is the intelligence of Baptists assembled in a Convention such that they cannot be entrusted to listen to speakers with some of whose views they probably disagree? What would happen next year if this precedent prompted a group of liberal brethren to protest against a fundamentalist scheduled to address next year's Convention?

Undoubtedly *MISSIONS* would have agreed with some things and disagreed with others that Dr. Muste planned to say at Cleveland. Nevertheless, it must always uphold Baptist independence and support Convention freedom of speech. "I wholly disapprove of what you say, yet I will fight to the death for your right to say it," is the classic sentence attributed more than 150 years ago to the French philosopher Voltaire. Dr. Muste's requested retirement from the Convention program means that the protestors and the committee threw that historic principle into the junk pile. It remains for Baptists to determine that this shall never happen again.

Now It Can Be Told

Why Singapore Surrendered

ONLY a few American columnists and editors discerned the basic cause for the conquest of Singapore. The majority attributed its surrender to military inadequacy, to Japanese air superiority, and to the reason cited for previous disasters—"too little and too late." The true explanation appeared recently in *The Manchester Guardian* from whose frank and realistic editorial the following sentences are quoted.

The British had no roots in the life of the people. The bulk of the Asiatic population remained spectators from start to finish. Their inclination was to get as far away as possible from hostilities.

This caused acute difficulties with labor. Bomb craters were not filled in because no Asiatics were available. Of the 12,000 Asiatics employed at the naval base, only 800 reported for duty. There was

no native labor at the docks. British soldiers had to be taken from military duties to unload ships.

Many small ships that could have brought thousands of people away from Singapore never sailed because their Asiatic crews deserted and there were not enough Europeans to man and stoke them.

Of the thousands of British residents and officials who had made their living out of Malaya, virtually none of them looked upon Malaya as their home. They were completely out of touch with the people. British and Asiatics lived their lives apart. There was never any fusion or even cementing of these groups. British rule and culture and the small British community formed no more than a thin and brittle veneer.

After nearly 120 years of British rule the vast majority of Asiatics were not sufficiently interested in this rule to take any steps to ensure its continuance.

Had an American editor written this he would have been vigorously denounced as anti-British and therefore pro-Hitler. But its publication in England in one of the world's greatest newspapers gives it a trustworthiness that cannot be questioned. What thus explains the fall of Singapore may likewise account for the conquest of Burma and perhaps even the fate of India.

This interpretation, although ominous for the future of white imperialism in Asia, has profound significance for the Christian missionary enterprise. The secret of the strength and survival of foreign missions in this shattered world lies in the fact that foreign missionaries have invariably followed the reverse policy of British, Dutch and Americans who went to Asia to "make a living out of the country." The missionaries dug their "roots in the life of the people." In contrast to other white people they "looked upon Malaya as their home" as well as upon Japan, China, Burma, the Dutch Indies, and wherever they carried the gospel. Always they have been in touch rather than "*completely* out of touch with the people." They and the Asiatics have *not* "lived their lives apart." Fusion of the two groups was always present, never absent. So today their continued service and their marvelous ministry of mercy and relief have established confidence, esteem, fellowship, and cooperation that no world upheaval and no collapse of white race imperialism can destroy.

Missionaries have always gone to Asia as servants of God and not of man to minister and not to exploit. Because of that the foreign mis-

sion enterprise in Asia is not ended. It is just beginning. Its greatest days of service and reconstruction lie ahead.

The Missionary Call of South America Not Yet Heard By Northern Baptists

IT IS to be hoped that Northern Baptists will some day realize that they have a missionary responsibility in South America where at present they have no mission field of any kind, medical, educational, or evangelistic. What prompts this expressed hope is the decision of the Presbyterian Foreign Board to send a special deputation to South America to make a survey of present conditions and to plan an enlargement of Presbyterian work in Colombia and Venezuela. The deputation left the United States last month, and consisted of the Board's secretary for Latin America, its missionary personnel secretary, a layman member and a medical missionary from Africa who will study health conditions. Health in the tropics of South America is subject to the same hazards as in Central Africa. Moreover, nearly a dozen missionaries who had to come home from Korea and Japan are being transferred to these fields. Several newly appointed missionaries are scheduled shortly to begin service. Thus the Presbyterian Board demonstrates its awareness of the strategic importance of South America to the United States, and realizes that something more than political conferences, military bases, government loans, cultural interchange, and visits of movie stars is needed if President Roosevelt's "Good Neighbor Policy" is to endure beyond the war. Essential in fostering good will and friendliness is an expansion of evangelical Christianity. Although current front page headlines in the newspapers deal almost exclusively with Europe and the Far East, there is at present throughout the United States wide public interest in the southern continent. Surely this is an opportune time not only for Presbyterians to plan an enlargement of their own missionary work but also for Northern Baptists to embark on a new venture in South America with high hope and faith and with confidence that it would have enthusiastic support. The last time Northern Baptists felt the thrill of entering a new foreign mission field was more than 40 years ago, when the

Philippine Islands mission was opened in 1899. It is high time to give the present generation of Baptists a similar experience.

The Leadership of World Protestantism Is in Safe Hands

THE new Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. William Temple, who was enthroned in April with magnificent pomp and ceremony according to ecclesiastical custom that dates back more than a thousand years, is not only the 98th Archbishop of Canterbury and now the ranking prelate in the Church of England. In his position as President of the World Council of Churches he is also the ranking spokesman for world Protestantism. The World Council now represents in its membership more than 75 communions and denominations, including the Northern Baptist Convention. Dr. Temple is well known to Americans. In July, 1937, he presided at the World Conference on Faith and Order in Edinburgh (*See MISSIONS, November, 1937, pages 530-538*) where he listened with absorbing attention while President J. R. Sampey of the Southern Baptist Convention set forth the position of Baptists. In 1935 as Archbishop of York he toured the United States. In four addresses at the Student Volunteer Convention in Indianapolis (*See MISSIONS, February, 1936, page 100*) he made theology a subject of fascinating and inspiring interest to more than 5,000 American college students. On this tour he visited Washington where he prophesied, "War in Europe is certain." Less than four years later his dire prediction was horribly fulfilled. During the futile World Disarmament Conference in 1932 in Geneva, Switzerland, he preached a sermon in St. Peter's Cathedral from the same pulpit where Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick in 1923 had preached to the League of Nations. In his sermon the Archbishop rejected the theory of Germany's sole guilt for the First World War. "It is not a question of who lit the match," said he, "but who had strewn the ground with gunpowder. In that every nation had a hand." Dr. Temple's fame rests not alone on his inherent greatness as a man, as a learned theologian, and as an ecclesiastical leader, but also on his strong advocacy of church unity, his liberal views in the field of social and economic justice,

and his brilliant understanding of international issues. He was among the few Englishmen to warn against the Chamberlain policy of appeasement as inevitably leading to war. Nearly 10 years ago he urged a Congress of Europe to study and solve the problems which the First World War had bequeathed to civilization and thus avoid another war. How tragically today the statesmen in five continents must wish they had heeded his advice. Northern Baptists may take great satisfaction in the fact that their Convention is a constituent member in a world organization that has such an outstanding Christian as its head. In the perilous years of readjustment that will inevitably follow the war, the leadership of cooperative world Protestantism will be in safe hands.



THE GREAT DELUSION

Number 92

BOTTLES AND BATTLES

IN the newspapers of New York City, and presumably through syndicated display in other cities, a whiskey distiller recently advertised:

SCOTLAND HAS NEVER SHIPPED
BETTER WHISKEY TO AMERICA!
... AND EVERY BOTTLE HAS WON
A BATTLE TO GET HERE!

Back of this announcement stand several facts not advertised.

Somehow whiskey evades the submarine while cargo vessels, oil tankers, and passenger ships en route to America are torpedoed and their survivors spend terrifying days in life-boats. Recently the Alcoholic Beverage Importers' Association reported loss of whiskey cargoes of only 2% of shipments.

Cheerfully the American people accept gasoline and sugar rationing, while cars, refrigerators, radios, and vacuum cleaners are completely prohibited. *But whiskey is still available to anybody in any quantity.*

Magazines increase their subscription prices because advertisers decrease their advertising. There is no sense in advertising what may no longer be sold. *But liquor advertising never ceases.* It is displayed everywhere in newspapers and magazines, on billboards, and over the radio.

What a deluded civilization!

Its necessities are unobtainable anywhere and its poison of intoxication is available everywhere.



Editorial ♦ Comment

♦ In his farewell sermon the retiring Archbishop of Canterbury, who has just been succeeded by Dr. William Temple, (*See preceding page*), made an eloquent final plea for church unity. "In the face of the challenge which the church will have to meet after the war, it is imperative that the church restore its unity," he declared. "To achieve that, any sacrifice save only of fundamental principles is worth making." With that, all denominations, including Northern and Southern Baptists, will doubtless agree. But who has the wisdom to determine what fundamental principles ought not to be sacrificed?

♦ The United States Navy recently honored a petty officer named Kekichi Nakamura. Born in Nagasaki, Japan, 85 years ago, he emigrated to the United States and became a naturalized American citizen when the naturalization of Japanese was legally permissible. That was in the long ago days before the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924. For 32 years he served in the United States Navy until his retirement at the age of 65 in 1922. The honor paid this Japanese was in tragic contrast to the treatment meted out to

a Japanese on the Pacific Coast who had also served the armed forces of the United States, for he was a veteran of the A.E.F. in France. Upon his return from the first World War he was made an honorary citizen of Monterey County, California. When thousands of Japanese, aliens as well as citizens, were recently evacuated from the Pacific Coast, this war veteran was informed that his honorary citizenship and war service could not secure him exemption. According to the story by Dr. John Haynes Holmes, he went to a hotel, hired a room, placed his citizenship certificate in his pocket and committed suicide. Probably the reason why the Norfolk Japanese was honored and the California Japanese was impelled to suicide is that the Norfolk Japanese was already dead! He had died a natural death of old age and the Navy honored him with a military funeral. Were he now alive he would probably also be interned in some American concentration camp. Nobody can criticize the government for seeking by every possible means to protect America against treachery and sabotage by enemy aliens. But something is wrong with American legal skill and political efficiency if no system can be devised whereby the many innocent are not compelled to suffer with the guilty few.



THE LIBRARY

*Reviews of Current Books and
Announcements by Publishers*



Out of Darkness, by JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, is a terrifying analysis of the present world situation. "Our civilization, like all the civilizations before it," says the distinguished pastor of New York's Community Church, "has entered upon its decline." He sees ahead only a long struggle, tending steadily to "a kind of stalemate of mutual exhaustion," an indefinite continuation of the war "year after year through ever-widening areas of devastation, with ever mounting ferocity and hate." Thus he confirms H. G. Wells who during the first World War predicted that "never again in our time shall we know peace." Like a true prophet Dr. Holmes sees in the collapse of

our civilization evidence of the reality of a moral universe and the

supremacy of moral law. "Europe is perishing at last of the very violence by which it has so long prevailed. If this wanton civilization of ours had prospered forever and its power waxed greater with its wickedness, then it could have been argued that there is no God!" The book is dedicated to the Fellowship of Reconciliation and sets forth the pacifist position. "Either the world is going to destroy war or else war is going to destroy the world." Who will disagree with that? And who will differ with this terrific definition of war? "War as an instrument of national policy means the settlement of political and economic disputes by the wholesale slaughter of human be-

You Are My Friends

By FRANK C. LAUBACH

Devotional essays on Jesus and His friendship toward mankind, by a famous missionary, the author of the popular *Letters of a Modern Mystic*. \$2.00

*With several reproductions of
famous paintings of Jesus*

HARPER & BROTHERS
New York

ings." So Dr. Holmes summons the world to pay the price of peace, for peace cannot be had except at a price which the world has never been willing to pay. And therefore it has been compelled to pay the price of war! This book should be read by all who objectively and honestly wish to understand the present world upheaval from a point of view that will likely be increasingly unpopular in the immediate future. (Harper and Brothers; 151 pages; \$1.50.)

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The Churches and a Just and Durable Peace, publishes in full the findings of the recent conference held at Delaware, Ohio, March 3-5, 1942. (See *MISSIONS*, April, 1942, pages 213-217). This pocket-size handbook offers an unusual opportunity to secure vital discussion of the basic issues of tomorrow's world peace. Pastors, leaders of men's classes and youth groups, presidents of women's organizations, church officials, all should possess copies. *The Christian Century* has rendered a great service by making this handbook available for classes and discussion groups at so reasonable a cost. (Christian Century Press, 407 South Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.; 80 pages, 15 cents per copy, in quantities of 10 or more, 10 cents per copy.) Mention *MISSIONS* when writing for copies.

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On Guard, by JOSEPH R. SIZOO, is a pocket-sized collection of daily readings, written primarily for men in the armed service. There is a reading of not more than 100 words for every day of the year. Each is packed with the wisdom of one who knows life, its perils and possibilities, who has a deep and tried Christian faith and whose ability to express himself pointedly is attested by his popularity as a speaker before all kinds of audiences. The book is not "preachy"

but practical, and it will prove helpful to any eager spirit. A brief selection of prayers is included. (MacMillan; 300 pages; \$1.00.)

Books Received

I Was in Hell with Niemoller, by LOE STEIN, Revell, 253 pages, \$2.50.

WALTER RAUSCHENBUSCH, a biography by D. R. SHARPE, with an introduction by HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, Macmillan, 463 pages, \$2.75.

Japan: a World Problem, by H. J. TIMPERLEY, John Day Company, 150 pages, \$1.75.

The Highway of God, the Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale University, by RALPH W. SOCKMAN, Macmillan, 228 pages, \$2.00.

Christian Missions in Today's World, by W. O. CARVER, Harper and Brothers, 148 pages, \$1.50.

By This Sign Conquer, by G. BROMLEY OXNAM, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 214 pages, \$1.75.

Seeking Kenya's Treasures, A biography of Charles F. Johnston, pioneer missionary of the Africa Inland Mission, by GERTRUDE HILL BYSTROM, Zondervan Publishing House, 147 pages, \$1.00.

The King and His Kingdom, by W. MACKENZIE MACINTOSH, Revell, 178 pages, \$1.50.

Faithful Also in Much, by JOHN E. SIMPSON, Revell, 96 pages, \$1.00.

Prayers for Victory, compiled and edited by G. A. CLEVELAND SHRIGLEY, by 78 contemporary American, British, and Canadian religious leaders, Thomas Nelson and Sons, 116 pages, \$1.00.

The Star of the Naga Hills: Letters from Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Rivenburg, pioneer missionaries in Assam, compiled and edited by *Narola Rivenburg*, American Baptist Publication Society, 147 pages, \$1.70.

Baptists in Brazil, by A. B. OLIVER, Broadman Press, 148 pages, \$1.75.

The World at One in Prayer, a compilation of prayers of the people and of the nations, edited by DANIEL J. FLEMING, Harper and Brothers, 204 pages, \$2.00.

Faith Under Fire, by MICHAEL COLEMAN, Charles Scribner's Sons, 160 pages, \$1.50.

The Christian Faith, by NELS F. S. FERRÉ, Abbot Professor of Christian Theology in Andover Newton Theological School, attempts to demonstrate that the Christian religion is adequate as man's ultimate and final faith. The theology presented is of a mediating type. It is neither liberalism nor fundamentalism. It is perhaps best classified as one of the many varieties of neo-orthodoxy. The author defines Christianity as "a God-centered, God-given freedom and faithfulness in fellowship based on the kind of love first and fully revealed and made effective as light and life in Jesus Christ." He calls not for despair, but for fresh confidence in the Christian faith to answer the problems of life. He does not believe in total depravity, pessimism or worldly defeatism. The important thing about Jesus is not wherein Jesus is like us all, but wherein he differs radically from us all. The Virgin Birth is interpreted as a real fact of a special discontinuity entering the continuity of history. With reference to miracles the author feels that God as creator of the universe is master of natural law and could work miracles through Christ if He saw fit. The same kind of real truth is seen in the author's own substitutionary doctrine of the atonement, and in the story of the ascension, and in the hope of the second coming of Christ, who for him is the religious ultimate. Man is not born sinful, but sin is more than "missing the mark." It is refusal of fellowship in the spirit of Christ and man's disobedience to God's revealed will to effect this fellowship. Sin is selfishness at the center of life and a lack of sympathy. The book closes with a plea for evangelically centered religious education, an evangelical social gospel, evangelical preaching, and evangelical worship. (Harper and Brothers; 216 pages; \$2.00.)

In This Generation, by RUTH WILDER BRAISTED, is the story of the life and work of Robert P. Wilder, international youth leader, missionary to India, and founder of the Student Volunteer Movement. From her father's voluminous diaries and letters his daughter presents a sympathetic, yet not sentimental, picture of this quiet maker of missions. Through the universities of America, England, and Europe this physically frail but spiritually mighty leader moved, calling students and sending them forth to mission fields afar. His tolerant attitude of the views of others, his impelling belief that this world was to be Christianized in his generation, and his faith in prayer were attributes for which he will be remembered. (Friendship Press; 205 pages; \$1.25.)

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God Runs My Business, by ALBERT W. LORIMER, tells how Robert G. LeTourneau, head of three large factories in America, and one in Australia, has taken God into partnership with him in his business. Employees attend evangelistic services in the factories. The LeTourneau Evangelistic Center, New York City, supported by the profits from the factories, is dedicated to a far-reaching evangelistic ministry. (Revell; 192 pages; \$1.00.)

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From Millions To Happiness, by ALBERT L. KRAMER, testifies that happiness is not to be found in riches. The author, a former Philadelphia lawyer, and New York banker, retired at the age of 38 to enjoy a life of wealth and luxury, but not until he lost his fortune and found God did he find joy and happiness in life. He writes, "I am glad that I have been very rich for I know that riches do not bring happiness . . . I know God does." (Leighton Press; 126 pages; \$1.00.)

A STAR IN THE EAST

An account of our mission to the Karens of Burma, containing information about these most interesting people not available elsewhere.

You will find it interesting supplementary reading in view of present conditions in Burma.

A limited number of copies to be had at 75 cents postpaid, cash, check or money order, from the author, Rev. E. N. HARRIS, 1014 Campus Avenue, Redlands, Cal.

The Complete Sayings of Jesus, as recorded in the King James Version, assembled and arranged in sequence by ARTHUR HINDS, with an introduction by DR. HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, is a pocket-sized book of 280 pages, so useful, convenient, and indispensable as to prompt the question as to why a book like it was never published until now. For the first time all that Jesus ever said, as recorded in the 36,450 words attributed to Him in the New Testament, have been compiled and published without their context except only such portions of context required to identify place, time, or occasion. "This little book may be quickly read," says Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick in the introduction, "but nothing more important can be read today." Here is the very essence of Christianity, what Jesus actually said and taught, and all that He said and taught. Here is the gospel in its original purity and simplicity. Here is the perfect book to own and read, or to offer to anyone as a gift. (John C. Winston Co.; 280 pages; \$1.00.)

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What We Can Believe, by RANDOLPH CRUMP MILLER, Professor in the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, is one of the finest books on theology in recent years. Although written from the point of view of empiricism, which uses the method of observation, experimental behavior, and rational inference, it allows for a realm beyond the realm of sense and enriches this realm by analogy and symbolism. Here one finds stated, so that modern men can understand them, the essential beliefs of Christianity. Intelligently and rev-

erently, the author discusses such themes as, the nature of faith, the Bible, how God works, who God is, who Jesus was, what makes Jesus the Christ, the value of the church, what man is, prayer, and the Kingdom of God. This book which will be talked about by thinking Christians. It moves belief out of the realm of musty creeds and makes of it a living, intelligent, vital thing. Theology of this kind is surely needed as the world today desperately gropes for a workable philosophy of life. (Charles Scribner's Sons; 240 pages; \$2.00.)

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A Handful of Nuggets, by ALFRED H. C. MORSE, is a book of 24 awakening meditations for the "quiet moment." They reflect the devotional spirit of a Baptist preacher who has spent more than 45 years in the active ministry. The book is appropriately titled *A Handful of Nuggets* because throughout the volume are scattered a host of fascinating illustrations gathered from many sources, felicitously used and homilectically applied. These meditations are as refreshing and suggestive as the essays of J. Brierly and as readable and devotional as the writings of F. W. Boreham. The thoughtful minister will discover themes for sermons in every chapter. In these pages the lay reader will find much that will comfort and challenge. Of interest to Baptist women is the fact that Dr. Morse has dedicated the book to his daughter, Mrs. Frank H. Wigginton, who last year brilliantly directed the 70th anniversary celebration of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society which culminated in the spectacular pageant at the Wichita Convention. In many respects this is a companion volume to *A Quiver of Sunbeams* which was published two years ago and reviewed in *MISSIONS*, May, 1940, page 294. (Revell; 160 pages; \$1.50.)

Northern Baptists

HEED THE CALL

THROUGH ITS WORLD EMERGENCY FUND, THE NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IS SERVING CHRIST BY AIDING SUFFERING HUMANITY

WAR CONDITIONS, involving terrible suffering and tremendous dislocations of all kinds, have made it imperative that we continue the World Emergency Fund into another year. The need this past year has been great, but all reports now coming in indicate that the help required for the next year will be much greater.

Northern Baptists have discovered that all gifts to the World Emergency Fund pay large dividends. Individuals realize that this is the quickest and the best method to render relief to a stricken world. Local churches know that such giving has actually

helped to raise the Unified Budget, making "foreign" missions a matter of immediate concern. Denominational leaders are saying that the Fund has been a wonderful cooperative effort, unifying as nothing else has done all of the various agencies of the Convention.

There is every reason to believe that missionary-minded Baptists are going to support the World Emergency Fund even more during the coming year, for they are determined to win a Double V—a V for the nations fighting for freedom and religious liberty, and a V for the Christian principle of positive service in a world at war.

"Broken, starving, imprisoned people and orphaned children all lift their voices of appeal to any sensitive Christian conscience. The Church will fail utterly to be true to Christ unless it ministers to those in the midst of despair and misery.

"We appeal to all Christian people to see that this subject is given a place of real significance in denominational conferences this summer, both for young people and adults. See that the responsibility for its presentation is properly assigned. Ask the conference to forego a meal and give the proceeds for relief. Or those who attend might each give a coin at every meal in order to share in a Christian way with those who are in need. In this way we can build bulwarks of Christian faith and loyalty on both sides of the battle lines which will do much to make possible a just and durable peace."

*Leslie B. Moss, Executive Director
Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches*



Christian Ministry to Men in the Service



Courtesy U.S.O.

NORTHERN BAPTISTS HAVE A DIRECT CONCERN FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW SERVING THEIR NATION. THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED THIS INTEREST THROUGH THE WORLD EMERGENCY FUND

SAMPLE OF A CHAPLAIN'S WORK

ONE of our Baptist chaplains serving at Fort Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming, has the following first year service record: he has had from 2,500 to 3,500 men under his supervision and this group changes every 8 to 13 weeks; he has preached twice every Sunday; conducted Sunday school; held services weekly in the guard house; visited the hospitals regularly; held services for men in quarantine; and directed choir practice for the men. In his work he has given out over 30,000 Bibles. Last quarter he distributed more than 500 copies of "The Secret Place." He reports 113 conversions, many restorations, and a few consecrations to the ministry. Let us pray for, and help support, all our Baptist chaplains.

HOW LOCAL CHURCHES MAY HELP

- Write Letters to the Soldiers
- Keep Cheerful
- Welcome Service Men to Church Services
- Entertain Them in Your Homes
- Have a Care for Navy Wives
- Open Church Parlors
- Mail Church Bulletins
- Keep in Touch with Boys from Your Church
- Contact the Chaplain
- Give Service Men a Lift in Your Car

- Mail Them Small Packages
- Advise Against Hasty Marriages
- Create for Them Helpful Associations
- Present Chaplains with Communion Set
- A Christian Flag
- A Portable Organ
- Do Not Nag
- Keep Military Movements Secret
- Give Service Men Recognition
- Pray Without Ceasing

WE HAVE OUR REPRESENTATIVES SERVING IN PRISON CAMPS. IF ANY OF OUR BOYS ARE TAKEN CAPTIVE WE SHALL REACH THEM THROUGH THE WORLD EMERGENCY FUND



Opportunity for

Baptist Schools and Colleges are also passing through an emergency caused by the war. Receipts on invested funds have been greatly reduced, contributions are limited, expenses of administrative and teaching staffs have increased. The war has restricted both attendance and type of courses. Costly readjustments have been the result. The World Emergency Fund has come to the rescue, saving institutions in which we can train our boys and girls in the Baptist tradition and spirit. Every dollar invested now in our schools and colleges will bear fruit.



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These Baptist schools—creators of Baptist leaders for tomorrow—receive support through the World Emergency Fund:

Northern Baptist Theological Seminary
Berkeley Baptist Divinity School
Central Baptist Theological Seminary
Alderson-Broaddus College
Colburn Classical Institute
Keuka College
Rio Grande College
Shurtleff College
Sioux Falls College



Dr. Gordon Seagrave, a lone American medical missionary who set up an emergency hospital in the center of a bomb-wrecked Burmese town, is working to save the lives of Chinese soldiers wounded on the Toungoo front.—AP

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR BAPTIST MISSIONARIES, SAYS HELEN K. HUNT, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM JUDSON COLLEGE, RANGOON, BURMA

"First of all there will be relief work of all kinds very urgently needed for some time after the war ends. Our Boards are even now trying to send money for relief, but we cannot cease that with the declaration of an armistice. Burma will be bruised and battered almost beyond recognition, and cannot be expected to recover immediately from an invasion covering such a large part of her total area. Just as

soon as permitted to enter, we must make it our very first concern to search out all our Christians and encourage every means of helping them reestablish themselves.

"Burman leaders have long been dissatisfied with their system of education and have recently been planning radical changes. The end of hostilities will be the beginning of a new era. If we are ready we may have a chance to do things we have longed to do in the way of kinds of schools. Have we the ideas and knowledge and study ready to meet such a time?

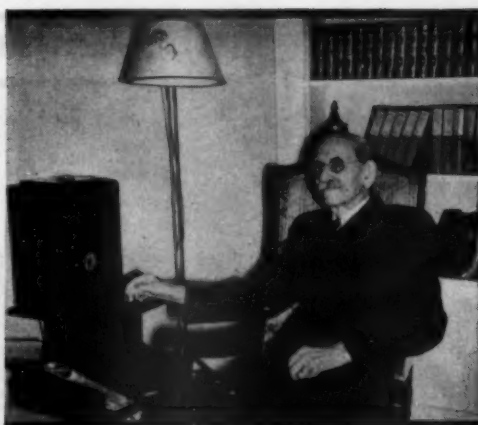
Needed Help

"My heart was made exceedingly tender. I cannot explain my feeling of gratitude to you for the blessing it brought."

"I don't often weep over material things but I think I indulged in a few tears of gratitude."

"I came home from the Post office and showed my dear Wife and she is rejoicing with me."

"I do believe in all of my long life I have never had such a wonderfully welcome surprise as when I opened my envelope and found the World Emergency check."



for the Aged

"It took away some of the blackness that shrouded the future."

"When the extra check came today, immediately I bowed my head and returned thanks to my God."

"If there is any way to thank those who made possible this generosity of the M. & M. Board, please put my name in the list."

"It was such a blessing to me to know that the Churches of our Northern Baptist Convention were so liberal in their response to the World Emergency Fund."

Quoted from M. & M. correspondence.



Tall, angular Brayton C. Case has stuck to his post at the repeatedly bombed agricultural school at Pyinmana near Toungoo, despite the departure of all civil authority.

—TIME, April 13, 1942

If we lose this chance, we shall never have another so good.

"And there will be measureless opportunity for missionaries to bring hope to saddened and discouraged people, to visit pastorless churches, seek out scattered and lost friends and show the love of Christ in every town and village of that injured land. The relief work needed first of all will naturally grow into this general work of befriending all who need it, of again gathering the Christians together and showing them how to help one another and themselves. Al-

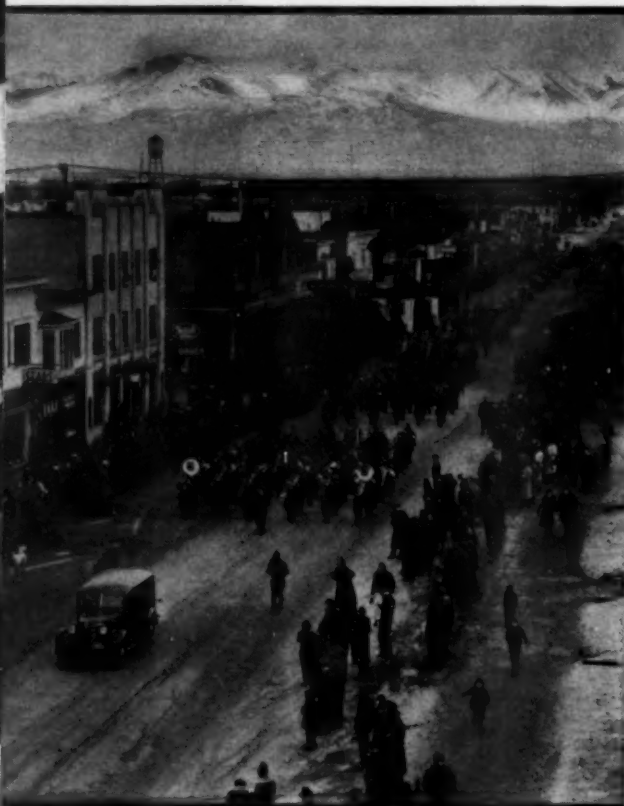
though some of the old institutions and methods may not meet the changed needs of changed times, people will need God more than ever and be more aware of their own weakness and inadequacy. The only limits to our "going about doing good" will be the limits of our sympathy, love, imagination and strength.

"Surely we shall feel as Jesus did that God's love more than ever constrains us and sends us "to preach the gospel to the poor, . . . to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."



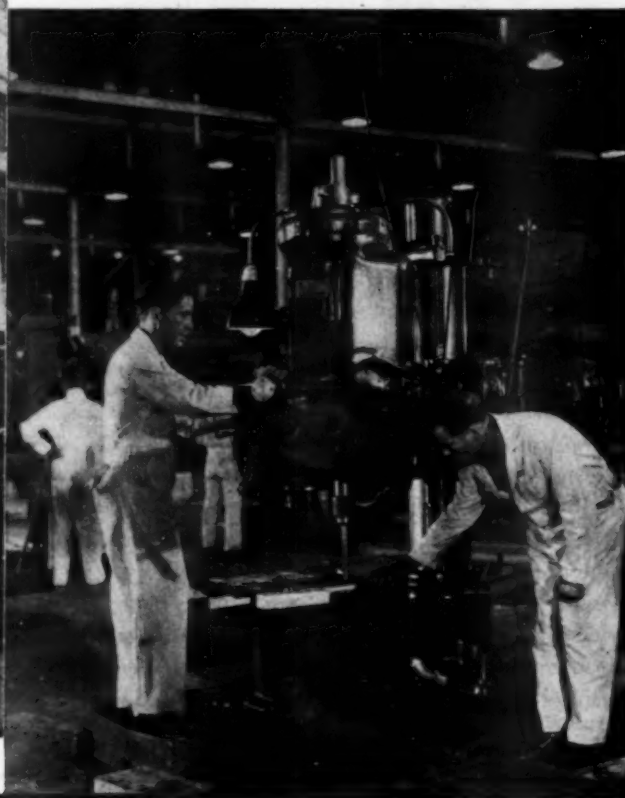
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.... our relief goes to Alaska



.... we aid American Bible Society

.... we minister to defense areas



World Relief Agencies Through Which We Serve:

Through the World Emergency Fund, Northern Baptists contribute to the following eight relief agencies, recognized by the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches. Money for direct relief administered by our Home and Foreign Mission Societies also comes out of the World Emergency Fund.

1. THE WAR PRISONERS' AID FUND of the International Y. M. C. A., 347 Madison Avenue, New York, is heading work among war prisoners. It is serving British prisoners in Germany and German prisoners in Canada, Japanese prisoners in America, and American prisoners in Japan and China. It needs help as already there are more than 6,000,000 prisoners to be served.

2. THE CENTRAL BUREAU FOR RELIEF OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCHES OF EUROPE is located in Geneva, Switzerland, and can be reached through the American office of the Universal Christian Council, Henry S. Leiper, secretary, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York. It assists stricken Protestant churches in Europe and helps with relief problems for their members, prisoners' aid, refugee aid, etc.

3. THE CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR CHINA RELIEF, 105 East 22nd Street, New York, is still getting large amounts of help through to allay the famine which prevails in considerable areas in China and to provide medical care for those who need it. All administration is done without cost through missionary auspices. The needs are far greater than they are able to answer. They need help.

4. THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, Park Avenue & 57th Street, New York, is supplying Scriptures to soldiers and prisoners of war, some of whom, like the Russians, have never had access to the Bible before. It is also taking over as many of the responsibilities of the British and Foreign Bible Society in mission lands as it can.

5. THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, is actively engaged in feeding tens of thousands of children who would otherwise starve in the occupied countries of Europe. Other famine sufferers also benefit: It needs contributions of money and clothing.

6. THE Y.W.C.A. WORLD EMERGENCY FUND is doing work for women and girls in a number of countries. It is also increasing its activity at home as larger numbers of women engage in war industry. Address: 600 Lexington Avenue, New York.

7. THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN REFUGEES is an active agency aiding European refugees to resettle if possible, or at least to live until a way opens for them to resume their livelihood. Address: 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

8. THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, is the clearing house for aid for "orphaned missions." In the last two years it has raised \$1,600,000 to enable missions cut off from their former sources of support to continue their work. Now that the war has spread to other missionary lands, the needs it seeks to meet are greater than ever.

9. OUR BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETIES. Much of our direct world relief work is handled through our own mission agencies. This is especially true of emergency services being rendered on the West Coast, in Alaska, and in Unoccupied China.

Christianity's **GREATEST CHALLENGE**

The eight agencies which we have recommended to serve as channels for church giving are all carrying on. Some of them have had to adjust their efforts to meet a situation fluctuating with the ways of war in different parts of the world. All of them are having unusual demands made upon them. Some of them are suffering severely because of the loss of income within the last two months.

We believe you are justified in saying to your churches, that your representatives are continually on the alert to adjust the flow of their gifts to the claims of the immediate emergency, and that their gifts are always under the supervision of devoted men and women of trained ability and long

experience in making even small amounts go as far as possible in affording relief. We assume that you will desire to acquaint your people with the critical significance of this relief work for the whole future of the Christian Church.

—DR. JOHN R. MOTT, *Chairman*, Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches.



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Anything Can Happen at a Forum

A Baptist pastor roams among the four simultaneous forums scheduled for three consecutive days at Cleveland and records his impressions

By FRANKLIN D. ELMER, JR.

BAPTISTS at Cleveland were cherishing freedom of speech. Willing to admit they did not know all the answers, they demonstrated, at least, that they knew most of the questions. Four open forums on three afternoons gave them abundant opportunity to prove that! "To what extent has capitalism lost the world and communism won it?" There's one for the experts. Without blinking an eye an earnest Baptist asked it. There was an answer, too. But we'll come to that.

The four forums involved studies of "An Enduring Peace," "The Church's Place in Our Industrial Age," "The Evangelistic Task," and "Missions in Tomorrow's World." All faced questions deep and difficult. One delegate said, "We can't be funny about this world, and these forums were not funny."

A case in point is the forum on peace. With Dr. Bernard Clausen as chairman, it was the liveliest, not from quips but from an intense interest on the part of the 400 delegates who attended.

Consider some of the program. Bradford Abernethy, of the Federal Council's Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, led off with an outline of the recent Delaware Conference findings. (See *MISSIONS*, April, 1942, pages 213-217.) "The sickness of our world is proof of our violation of the moral law," and, "absolute national sovereignty is an anachronism in our world," and, "imperialism must go." He quoted Vice-President Wallace on the necessity of "thinking hard and often about the peace."

Then came an impressive moment, when nine delegates who attended the Delaware Conference filed before the microphone and testified. Here is Norris Tibbetts, of Chicago, saying, "It is the responsibility of the Christian Church to break the spirit of revenge by releasing new creative forces." Dr. A. W. Beaven stated, "We are meeting America's need by supplementing military effort with the preparation of the mind of America for creating a just peace." Frequently quoted by these delegates was Dr. Hu Shih, Chinese Ambassador, who said at Delaware, "More important than the pursuit of the war is it for church leaders to gather to talk about the peace."

This is only the first day. When the second session came around ten fine looking students from Sioux

Falls College sat across the platform at a long table, playing the parts of delegates to an imagined "Post-War Conference for World Reconstruction." The six girls were not hard to look at, and, as a girl delegate said, "The boys aren't so bad looking, either." But all that was forgotten when these "delegates" from England, China, Russia, Germany, Japan and the United States, began their deliberations in efforts to stabilize world economics. When Great Britain and the United States finally made it plain that they would not subscribe to control by a World Bureau because of the danger to their prosperity and standard of living, the conference broke up in heated excitement. Darkness came, and a voice spoke out, "We return to a fighting world . . . but on some morrow there will be a real peace conference. . . . Will the peace be righteous? Will the Prince of Peace be able to make his presence felt at the conference table?" The session concluded with questions asked of these college youths. What will Russia demand? What if a nation should withdraw from this world federation? "A nation not in our economic federation would soon wish she were in it," replied the youthful chairman. "Highly original and stimulating," commented Prof. William Mather of Franklin College.

Let's take a look at the other forums. Keen and provocative Edwin T. Dahlberg of Syracuse led a far-too-small group through discussions of the church's place in our industrial age. Unfortunately they met in a room hard to find, and delegates are easily discouraged. Those who came, however, stayed. On successive afternoons representatives of organized farmers, organized labor, and employers held the floor and struggled with the searching questions of open-minded Baptists. "It's pretty dead," said the attendant at the door. But just then a C.I.O. leader shouted, "Why don't your churches raise hell about the refusal of the Red Cross to take Negro blood in the blood banks?" A Red Cross official immediately rose to straighten that out. (*They do take Negro blood but it is segregated.*) Despite his outburst on Negro blood the C.I.O. leader made a deep impression as a keen and well educated man. His arguments were sound. He frankly admitted that all was not perfect in labor organization, but declared that

"Labor organizations are the dam against tyranny in every part of the world."

A Farm Bureau representative contended that America must cultivate the seeds of self help, especially as indicated in the cooperative movement. Chairman Dahlberg reported that an early cooperative was begun in a Baptist church at Clark's Grove, Minnesota. "It is now one of the strongest rural churches," he said, implying that a church cannot go wrong in helping its members economically.

A representative of the employers found himself on a tough spot when a preacher from Maine described the condition of low wages in his town. "We are off the beaten track and it seems as though employers take advantage of the situation. What should the church do about it?" The chairman had picked his leader wisely. This courageous employer replied that if the churches could produce conclusive evidence, they should turn the light of pitiless publicity on the condition until it was corrected.

The popular "Ted" Adams of Richmond, Va., conducted the forum on Evangelism in the auditorium ballroom. Dr. Oscar Johnson tells about the Negro in the South who justified the use of baptismal trousers with the scriptural passage about "pants for the waterbrook." Then, in defense of the pulpit as the primary method of evangelism, Dr. Johnson takes the word "pulpit" and gets out of it the words *preaching, unction, love, power, insistence, and trust*, for his energetically made points. Rev. H. V. Jensen of Seattle, pleads that any method of mass evangelism today must be intellectually respectable. "We must sometimes be sensational, but our message must stand the test of truth."

Another session was given over to a discussion of plans in visitation evangelism. Six pastors told of personal experiences, stressing the constant elements in varied approach to individuals, the organization of church members for visitation, and work with young people in a small college town, and the value of interpreting their own religious experiences to them. The closing day brought emphasis on personal evangelism. In answer to the general question "Who is going to do the evangelistic work of the church?", the conclusion was reached that all must share in it.

The announced subject, "Missions in Tomorrow's World," drew the largest forum group. To those who were looking for a view into the future, the forum was disappointing. The question was not answered. But don't think it wasn't asked! Baptists really wanted to know how the revolutionary changes in our world are going to affect missions. It must be conceded that Treasurer Forest Smith, of the Foreign Mission Society, was nearly right when he said, "From the

administrative point of view that question simply cannot be answered now. How can we know?"

The discussions did have a salutary effect, however. Those who sat through were convinced that the picture is not as dark as the times might lead us to believe. "Our missionaries," declared Dr. Gordon Poteat, leader of the forum, "have not surrendered. They are not defeated in their spirits or in their hopes." Missionaries brought their testimony about this. "Now," said chairman Alton Miller, "is the time to intensify our missionary effort." His sentiments were echoed by Mrs. Frank Wigginton of Pittsburgh who declared fervently that "Pastors must preach missions, pray missions, practice missions. Interest in missions in the local church can rise no higher than the pulpit." Rev. Herbert Haslam of Toledo deplored the fact that "missions have never been more than a minority movement. We have let too many into our churches on a basis of what the church can mean to them, rather than on how much the church can offer them by way of service."

So the forums went, with delegates providing questions in profusion, and the experts struggling to answer. "I have just come from another denominational convention," said a newspaper reporter, "and there was nothing like this!"

But how about that question concerning capitalism and communism? It was asked in the final session of the forum on peace, inspired by an address from cartoonist Charles A. Wells. "Capitalism has lost itself trying to save itself," Wells answered. "When you get a debt of 200 billion dollars, that's not money any more, that's just ideas on paper. Communism, on the other hand, has really begun to stir the masses. They are feeling their own power, feeling that they, too, can accomplish things." He also answered questions as to Russia's relation to England and the United States. "Russia is not friendly to England. Russia feels that England is just waiting for Russia to be bled weak. Russia admires the United States, but doesn't trust us. Russia doesn't trust anybody."

A Russian Baptist, Rev. I. V. Neprash, came to his support. But he added, "The spiritual hunger of the masses in Russia is about ten times as great as before." After the forum closed, Mr. Neprash gave a vivid description of the difference between Communist Russia and Nazi Germany, which he declared are "fundamentally about the same." "In Russia they say, 'So you are a Christian! Then I will smash you in the face.' In Germany they say sweetly, 'Ah, so you are a Christian!', and then they stroke your cheek with poison!"

So it goes at Baptist forums. You never can tell what you will hear. That makes them interesting.

Day by Day in Cleveland

A daily chronicle by five different chroniclers of what happened at the Northern Baptist Convention in Cleveland

A Christian World Outlook

Tuesday May 26th

Chronicled by WILLIAM B. LIPPARD

IN THE same mammoth auditorium where the Convention met in 1930, with its bewildering, endless array of corridors, its spacious exhibit hall, its tier upon tier of seats, 15,000 in all, rising into the upper regions of what seemed like infinite balcony space, approximately 5,000 Baptist delegates and visitors assembled for the 36th session of the Northern Baptist Convention.

As now at all theatrical performances and public gatherings, the convention opened with "The Star Spangled Banner" and then followed its established program procedure. Rev. Ralph Walker of Portland, Ore., offered the convention prayer. The opening worship service was led by Rev. Martin Storgaard of Detroit, Mich. "The first question," said he, "should be what can this convention do for our sick, sinning, and suffering world."

On behalf of Cleveland Baptists a stirring welcome was extended by Dr. D. R. Sharpe. He urged delegates to forget discomforts in this time of war and to act on "what God expects of us as Baptists in this hour. Not one moment should be wasted in strife, self-seeking or needless debate."

A solemn moment followed as the audience rose and stood in reverent attention while Secretary J. C. Hazen read the names of George R. Baker, Hugh A. Heath, Mattison B. Jones, Edward C. Kunkle, Shailer Mathews, Cortlandt Myers, and Joseph Taylor, denominational leaders who had passed on during the year. President Elliott offered a prayer of gratitude for their noble service.

In the customary formal presentation of reports that followed, Secretary J. C. Hazen briefly reviewed the year's work of the General Council and Dr. G. M. Derbyshire that of the Council on Finance and Promotion. Longer time was required by Mr. A. J. Hudson for his report of the Finance Committee. For the new year he proposed a denominational budget of \$2,634,861, a second World Emergency Fund of \$600,000, and a Church Extension Campaign of \$250,000. Action on this was deferred until the Friday session. (See page 368.)

Dr. O. H. McDonald of Rochester, N. Y., summarized the report of the Council on Christian Education and presented as "three live exhibits," Dr. Oliver DeWolf Cummings, new secretary of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, Miss Pearl Rosser in charge of its children's department, and Miss Elsie Kappen, new secretary for missionary education, who emphasized that "missions will be at the heart of the new youth program."

The time scheduled for the keynote address had now arrived. In a brilliant, eloquent analysis of the world situation Rev. L. B. Mosely of Madison, Wis., set forth the challenge to the Christian church "to match her professions with her practice, to give a demonstration of the reality of her doctrine, to forget herself in a cause bigger than anything apart from that cause, to call men to follow Christ with a passion that neither threats nor tyranny can quench, to risk the very real possibility of losing her institutional life in order that she may find her true self in the abundance of life which she shares with men." Her supreme challenge, he continued, is to her own sons and daughters to be Christ-like, to her own generation to sow what it would reap, to her foes to accept the outstretched hand of aggressive and genuine goodwill. Vigorously he plead for a relaxing of the food blockade so that millions of starving people in Europe might be fed. He met the orthodox protests that such feeding would give aid to Hitler by saying that "our allegiance to Christ and to these people as our brothers cannot be compromised. Surely today the church must raise her voice on the side of suffering humanity." In conclusion he outlined a five-fold task of the church in the present situation, "(1) relief along life's roadside; (2) reconstruction in areas of ruin; (3) redemption from ruthlessness and revenge; (4) redistribution of earth's resources; and (5) the rebirth of life's great realities." Unfortunately as has so often happened in the past, the spell and impact of this mighty key-note address was dissipated by the ensuing confusion as delegates separated into numerous state groups, were guided through tortuous corridors to meeting places, and there nominated their members on the Convention's committees.

The President's address opened the afternoon session after a worship service led by Rev. R. Claiborne Johnson of Galesburg, Ill. The large

audience assembled promptly and there were few late comers. Here was testimony of the esteem in which President Elliott was held and likewise evidence of expectancy as to what he would say. He did not disappoint the crowd. The burden of the world crisis lay so heavily on his heart that he spent no time in evaluating the denominational life during the year. Instead his great concern was whether "Baptists will have any worth while contribution to make in these dark days when we are in the midst of the mightiest revolution that humanity has ever seen." Admitting that we are too close to it and too much a part of it to sense adequately its magnitude or appraise its significance, Dr. Elliott nevertheless stressed four distinct directions in which Baptists could make their Christian contribution, namely, in (1) maintaining denominational unity, (2) in establishing a fuller and more effective cooperation with all other Protestant bodies; (3) in an expansion of evangelism and missions, and (4) in generating a new spiritual life. "There can be no substitution for spiritual experience and inner resources," was his conclusion. "Out of the spirit of sacrifice have come all the redeemers of the race and all the redeeming ministries of the ages."

In the final half hour Secretary G. Pitt Beers of the American Baptist Home Mission Society presented its annual report, introduced Dr. C. Harry Atkinson, new secretary of edifice church and building counsel, and then conducted a brief service of appreciation in honor of four missionaries who have retired because of age limit, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Petzholdt who spent 39 years in service among the Crow Indians and Dr. and Mrs. Antonio Mangano who gave 39 years of ministry to the Italians in America. Dr. Petzholdt reviewed briefly the marvelous changes wrought in the life of the Indians during the past four decades. He thanked the denomination for its "unfailing cooperation and sympathetic fellowship." Dr. Mangano graciously expressed similar gratitude. All four missionaries were given an ovation of applause. In the final five minutes Dr. Beers outlined the enlarging task of home missions in the defense industry communities, among men in military camps, among Japanese evacuees on the Pacific Coast, and for conscientious objectors to war.

Promptly at four o'clock the Convention adjourned and separated into four sectional forum meetings which had as their respective topics, world peace, industrial relations, evangelism, and missions. What happened in them is reviewed on pages 361-362.

An impressive worship service by Rev. Harold Geistweit of Elmira, N. Y., fittingly introduced the evening session theme, "A Christian World Outlook."

Our immediate problem, he said, "is how we can discover inner resources of spiritual strength to bear today's strains and to face tomorrow's uncertainties."

Whatever doubt may have existed in anybody's mind as to the permanence and continuance of Christian missions in the Far East was effectively dispelled by Rev. Joseph M. Smith of Burma in a missionary speech that in earnestness, vigorous delivery, and persuasive appeal, has seldom been equalled at a Baptist Convention. Sharply rebuking a newspaper commentator who deplored what he claimed was the wasting of lives and millions of dollars which the churches of America poured into missions in China, Japan, and Burma, this Baptist missionary exclaimed, "You cannot wipe out the peace and confidence of hundreds of thousands of people who have taken Christ as Saviour. You cannot wipe out the testimony of a Book that has strengthened the faith of millions of people in their own languages. You cannot wipe out the picture of American missionaries ministering to the broken bodies of men, women and children, feeding starving babies, protecting Chinese girls." Then he told of Dr. Seagrave, of Mary Laughlin on the bloody station platform at Mandalay, of Brayton Case sending truck loads of food to Chinese soldiers, of Dr. A. F. Ufford feeding a thousand Chinese children, and a score of others whose names have been featured in recent news from the mission fields of Asia. The lives of these men and women have not been wasted and the gospel they have preached can never be blasted out of Asia.

A glorious interlude of music was furnished by the robed choir of the Cleveland West High School. Nearly 100 youthful singers rendered four superbly sung selections.

The second speaker was President John Mackay of Princeton (Presbyterian) Theological Seminary. It is hard to imagine a more intriguing topic than that assigned to him, "The Road to Tomorrow Leads Through Yesterday." In a profoundly serious and thought provoking address he traced the history of fascist movements that today sought to enter tomorrow by recovering the heritage of yesterday. Mussolini is dreaming of the Rome of the Caesars. Hitler is idealizing the Germany of mythological Valhalla. Japan is looking back to when divinity was alleged to have given birth to the Japanese dynasty. The world's democracies must likewise seek to recapture their own lost heritage of yesterday. With matchless parallelism he showed how the Christian church must repossess its own inheritance and reinterpret its Christian revelation. Only as we rediscover the historic facts of Christianity can we travel the road that leads into the true tomorrow.

The Hope of the World

Wednesday, May 27th

Chronicle*d* by CECIL HOBBS

THE second day opened with a worship service by Rev. W. S. Jacobs of Maywood, Ill. His central thought was the reassuring fact of a sufficient Christ to meet the needs of our suffering world.

The Convention business which followed included the following items: Mrs. C. F. Benning as newly elected President brought greetings from the ministers' wives' fellowship. Rev. C. A. Carman of Morgan Park, Ill., followed with the report of the Ministers' Council, now in its eighth year with a membership of over 3,000 ministers.

In a stimulating address on "A Ministry of Love in a World of Hate," Rev. E. McNeill Poteat of Cleveland urged Christian love as brought by Jesus Christ as the only antidote for hate. People who hate, he declared, are not only emotionally unstable but also rationally implacable. Hatred is poison which propagates and stimulates war.

The next 40 minutes will long be remembered. Dr. G. B. Cutten, the retiring President of Colgate University, spoke on the theme "We Are at War," in which he poured out an endless array of facts on the liquor problem. The Cleveland newspapers featured his address on the front page and one paper printed the full text. America cannot drink her way to victory, he argued. If the authorities at Pearl Harbor had had 77 days of prohibition before December 7th rather than afterwards, America might have been spared not only the worst naval defeat but also nearly 3,000 American lives. Barrooms, taverns, beerhalls and cocktail lounges are not fit schools for the American youth in military service, he continued. Moreover, all the warring countries have made drastic curtailment of the use of beverage alcohol, but our nation remains the single exception. Three things are absolutely essential for America to win the war: the health, wealth and morale of the people. Each of these points was developed with striking facts. This remarkable address closed with a stirring plea to keep liquor out of military camps. "We insist that when our sons go into camp," he concluded "these camps be no longer recruiting centers for beer interests and liquor dealers, but that they be clean and wholesome, in order that, if in the providence of God our sons are called to fill a hero's grave, they may go down to that end with a clean breath and a clear head." Prolonged cheering and applause followed and the address was ordered printed and distributed throughout the entire Baptist constituency.

The program then featured an Audio-Visual Fantasy of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. Rev. B. C. Clausen, Director M. Forrest Ashbrook, and others portrayed with humor and sense the insurance company of Northern Baptists which would insure every Baptist minister and missionary freedom from worry when they are ready to retire. With proper sound effects the audience was taken to Maine to hear the testimony of blind Herman A. Clark, a helpless invalid of arthritis. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson supported the Fantasy with an address on the theme of "Worry-Free in '43."

With doors to the Convention Hall closed and in a stillness conducive to a worshipful mood, Rev. Harold Cooke Phillips of Cleveland led the first of four chapel services. For the first theme he chose, "Judgment." We have a God and Father who is not only a God of judgment but a God of infinite wisdom and love. Man's faith in this kind of a God will continue to bear witness to man's unconquerable faith.

For the afternoon session the theme was missions, the story and appeal of the Christian world movement at home and abroad. With Mrs. Frank C. Wigginton, Convention Vice-President presiding, the worship service was conducted by the Rev. W. O. Macoskey of Tacoma, Wash. His theme was "Behold My Hands," the central thought of which was that Christ's hands in ministering to a stricken world must be our hands in a readiness to give, serve and embrace all in Christian world brotherhood.

Then with Mrs. J. Willard McCrossen as narrator, the Women's Home Mission Society presented "Around the Clock with the Missionaries." With dramatic affect the story of what is being done in Christian centers, in trailer camps, defense areas, in Mexico and Latin America, among the Japanese on the Pacific Coast was told as different missionaries came forth through a large door under the turning hands of a large clock. A soft musical background was furnished by the Storer College Negro Choir.

The next hour was assigned to foreign missionaries. All missionaries presented were seated on the platform. Brief messages were brought by Miss Louise Campbell of China, Miss Helen Hunt and Mrs. Gordon Seagrave of Burma. As these missionaries related eye-witness accounts, we realized not only what bombers and troops were doing to Burma and China but we were also made aware of what bombers and armies cannot destroy in the hearts and minds of the Christians in Burma. Certainly the word "loyalty" expresses the stand which Christians are taking in Burma. Foreign Secretary J. W. Decker closed the session with a challenging address as to Baptist responsibility on mission fields in this time of war.

At four o'clock the Convention adjourned and re-assembled in the second of the four simultaneous forums (*See pages 361-362*)

A large crowd gathered for the evening session which opened with a worship service by Rev. S. W. Powell of St. Paul, Minn., who emphasized that "modern man's attitude toward life and its future depends almost entirely upon his conception of God."

First speaker was Charles A. Wells, cartoonist, lecturer, journalist and world traveler. As he talked he drew a huge map of Asia on a board before him and taught the Convention a world geography lesson. "The time has come" he said, "when we should awaken to the fact that a new alignment of power and influence is developing in Asia. A Pacific charter to match the Atlantic Charter is today a desperate need. The masses of China and Russia and India are in revolt forming a deep, long, revolution of the human spirit crying out for equality and justice. Is organized Christianity to share these newly rising hopes of the common man, or is a century of Christian effort to be sabotaged, robbed of the harvest?" Mr. Wells left room for only one answer.

After listening to the four choice Christian anthems magnificently rendered by the Lakewood High School Choir, the Convention heard a stirring message by Rev. Gordon Bigelow on the theme, "Thine is the Kingdom." Too often men, motivated by the spirit of nationalism, have prayed "our" Kingdom rather than "Thy" Kingdom. It is the responsibility of the church to point men away from that kind of Kingdom to the way of His Kingdom which will be for no single nation but for all. This is the hope that the heart of the world looks for in this dark hour.

The Church and Reconstruction

Thursday, May 28

Chroniced by HARVEY W. FUNK

FOR the opening worship service, Rev. M. R. McKay of Topeka, Kan., emphasized the thought that since love is at the heart of God the message that comes from Him is the source of peace among the nations and in the inner life.

A memorial service was conducted by General Secretary Isaac Higginbotham, of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention, in memory of Dr. Hugh A. Heath, who served for 24 years in that position. His wide interest in state missions, his substantial contribution to church progress, his evangelistic efforts, and other qualities were fittingly emphasized.

Then followed a stimulating review of city missions by a group of speakers under the leadership of Dr.

D. R. Sharpe of Cleveland. Recognizing the importance of the city as the center of every type of influence Dr. Sharpe told how churches are being crowded out of city centers, and new churches are not being built in new residential areas. This failure is one of the darkest chapters in Baptist history.

Dr. Charles H. Sears, of New York City, spoke on the rebuilding of the home base in the inner city. He called attention to the changes in churches in foreign language neighborhoods. They are now becoming bilingual churches with the responsibility of a new approach to the neighborhood. Negro churches are also faced with the necessity of adapting their program and message.

Dr. J. W. Thomas of the Home Mission Society brought out the need for churches in suburban areas which are populated by young and middle age families. Suburban populations are predominantly Protestant but the suburbanite denominational loyalty is not high. They are attracted to the church with the best type of program and building.

In a closing summary Dr. Sharpe declared that unless we saved the city it would destroy us. There is need for a carefully planned program of city church extension. This is the most pressing problem before Northern Baptists. Ten years from now it will be too late.

The work of the American Baptist Publication Society was reviewed by Executive Secretary Luther Wesley Smith. Although problems are many, said Dr. Smith, the Society is going in the right direction, as evidenced in the Society's educational literature, increase of vacation church schools, through the ministry of which 3,000 children were converted to faith in Christ, educational conferences in numerous Baptist Associations, and finally in the balancing of the budget. The third year of the Baptist Church School Advance is being launched and is part of the United Protestant Advance to reach the whole nation with Christian teaching.

The American Bible Society had as spokesman Dr. Frances C. Stiffler who referred to the opportunities for Bible distribution due to war conditions. Missionary S. S. Feldman of the Philippines told of the translation of the Bible into the Visayan language, thus giving the gospel to a million people.

The Committee on Relations with Other Religious Bodies recommended continued conferences with the Disciples of Christ to explore further possibilities of cooperation. The World Council of Churches was hailed as a God-given means of sharing the blessings of Christian fellowship with the persecuted churches in Europe. The World Council now has 77 religious bodies as members.

The Committee on Children and the Church reported its growing concern over children not reached by the church. Miss Pearl Rosser presented a plan of making use of the radio, presenting religious lessons once a week through the American School of the Air.

The second Chapel Service, conducted by Rev. Harold C. Phillips, of Cleveland, had "Love" as its theme. This is the greatest word in any language, said Dr. Phillips. God's love is not like man's love in choosing those whom to love. It is the nature of God to love. His love is not a deserved love. The great contribution of Christianity is this unmerited type of divine love which Christ brought into the world.

In the opening worship period of the afternoon session Rev. Orva Lee Ice called attention to our disillusionment in that with all the improvements in material living we are wanting in character. Christ did not come too soon, as a popular playwright intimates; but we are coming to Christ too late.

A vigorous address, "Stewardship," by Rev. R. S. Beal of Tucson, Ariz., aroused enthusiastic applause. Acknowledging that Christ spoke on many themes, Dr. Beal maintained that He laid more stress on stewardship than anything else. Stewardship is pleasant, profitable and practical. It provides not only the needed funds for missionary service but also a deep joy of the sense of partnership with God.

The remaining time was assigned to the Board of Education. President E. C. Herrick of Andover Newton Theological Institution deplored the "graveyard of deceased Baptist schools." Some are now in danger of the same fate because Baptists have not always been enthusiastic supporters of Baptist schools. The great years of the denomination were when Baptists promoted education. The call is now for a new crusade in higher Christian education.

In support of President Herrick came President Dr. Paul L. Thompson, of Kalamazoo College, on "The Moral Dilemma of Higher Education" and he stated the problem in terms of certain questions: What is a Baptist college? How many should have Baptist support? Which is to be subsidized, inefficiency or efficiency? Is internal sectarianism in danger of paralyzing our progress? To be cohesive as a denomination must we have dogmatic agreement or a tight ecclesiastical structure knit like that of the army, or can we achieve unity through love, tolerance and trust? Baptist colleges are trying to be true to Christ and His truth.

For the evening worship service Rev. E. A. Elwell of Paterson, N. J., gave a helpful meditation on faith as possessing the virtues of seeing the invisible and of providing inner strength in the midst of strain.

"A Salute To the Unconquerable" was the arresting theme of the address of Secretary Charles T. Leber, of the Presbyterian Board of Promotion. Traveling by plane, he had recently gone around the world on a spiritual fellowship mission. Everywhere he had found an unconquerable spirit among Christians and an unconquerable power of Christian missions which are building Christ into the life of mankind and are thus assuring the future of civilization. The influence of women, trained in Christian principles, is seen in Madame Chiang Kai-shek of China and the sister of Nehru of India. Finally he saluted also the unconquerable power of Christian truth. A former college professor in China is now going among students and soldiers in that country, preaching Christ. Through his ministry 6,000 students have been converted to Christian faith.

What he said about Christian international fellowship was superbly demonstrated by the singing of the international choir of the Cleveland Baptist Association who represented six European nations, Czech, Slovak, German, Italian, Hungarian and Rumanian. A musical surprise was the Glee Club of Redlands University who stopped on the way to New York to sing in a national glee club competition.

Three brief addresses on "Equipping the Church for Reconstruction Days" concluded the evening program. Secretary A. M. McDonald of Chicago spoke on "The Need of Building the Home Base." The history of Christianity in America is the story of the church trying to keep up with the moving population.

Dr. G. Pitt Beers followed with an address on "The Plan for Building the Home Base," in which he outlined the \$250,000 Church Extension Campaign projected for this year. The plan is to erect church buildings where in ten years they will be self-propagating. Such churches would in coming years make contributions to missionary funds far beyond the amounts that would be invested in them now. A church extension campaign is needed now to meet 165 situations where no churches now exist.

In the final address on "The Dynamic for Building the Home Base" Rev. Hillyer Straton of Detroit described the city as the strength and the weakness of a nation. If Christianity fails in the cities, the war in which America is fighting will not be followed by a just and durable peace. We need a charter, greater than the Atlantic Charter that will include equality among nations. The day of imperialism is past. Man has failed because he built a civilization with himself as the center. Christ must be at the center and the church must minister as the one unifying factor to bind the nations together.

The Redemptive Task of the Church

Friday, May 28th

Chroniced by FRANKLIN D. ELMER, JR.

THE unseasonably warm weather which descended on Cleveland on Friday accounted for the small attendance at nine o'clock for the earnest devotional service led by Rev. P. V. Slawter of Philadelphia. First on the order of the day was Chairman F. L. Gilson who read the report of the Committee on Nominations. He was followed by Chairman H. M. Wyrick, who read the report of the Committee on Resolutions. Naively he suggested that when action is taken on the following day "some resolutions probably will be altered by the Convention."

Professor William C. Mather reported for the Council on Christian Social Progress. He added a supplement of his own in which he described the severe changes which have taken place in this country under the pressure of war conditions when some of our most respectable citizens (often church members in good standing) argue for segregated vice districts so that "the customers won't go to other towns to do their shopping." Other denominations spend many thousands of dollars in promoting social action on moral situations, while Northern Baptists have allowed a scant \$4,000. His report with the Supplement was adopted with enthusiasm.

The denominational budget for the year ahead was presented by ex-President A. J. Hudson. Quite unusually, it was adopted, without discussion. The marked success of the World Emergency Fund was reported. New Secretary Stanley I. Stuber, of the World Relief Committee, declared that "World relief has stimulated every organization throughout our denomination." The World Relief Committee was continued for the year ahead.

The President then introduced General Director Earl Frederick Adams, of the Council on Finance and Promotion. He said he wanted to talk from his heart about the budget. "It frightens me that we adopted our new budget without discussion because it is the most important thing we have done. With it we set the task for state conventions, local churches, and for individual Christians for the new year. That budget must become the personal budget of every individual Baptist. Let us not forget that we are setting out to raise a million dollars more than we raised up to a year ago." He told of some unusual gifts to the World Emergency Fund. A woman gave the \$500 she had saved for a trip to Europe. A gift of \$2 came from a soldier. "We can raise more money if we will," he continued. "This next year the group

with incomes up to \$5000, will have more money than they ever had before. Some of that ought to go to the church and its world ministry." As he concluded with a plea for unity in our efforts to raise the new budget, Dr. C. O. Johnson appeared beside him, put an arm around his shoulder and offered a prayer of consecration to "the gigantic task ahead."

In his third chapel hour Dr. Harold C. Phillips chose "Grace" as his subject. This, he defined as "love in action." Taking as his text, "And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time," *Jonah 3:1*, he spoke of the love of God as it gives a second chance. "The gospel of the second chance represents the great message of the Christian religion to mankind. It is one evidence of the eternal mercy and graciousness of God. It was to those who had somehow missed the way that Jesus came with his message of the second chance." Dr. Phillips applied this to our time in terms of our failure to build a good world after the first World War. "At the end of this second World War the word of the Lord will come to us a second time!"

Opening the afternoon session with a worship service Rev. O. C. Hendrickson of Flint, Mich., emphasized "The Present Evangelistic Opportunity."

President J. J. Stotts of Benedict College and President Benjamin J. Mays of Morehouse, both Negroes, were presented to the Convention by Dr. Luther Wesley Smith. "What handsome men," a feminine delegate was overheard to say.

In summarizing the report of the Council of World Evangelization Dr. Charles H. Sears of New York told of a recent evangelistic survey which revealed "areas of great neglect."

Then came that impressive hour when new missionaries were presented. By this time the crowd had increased to substantial proportions. The curtains parted, and across the platform sat the newly appointed ambassadors of Jesus Christ. It was a smaller group than on many former occasions, but it was a strong and refreshing company of consecrated American young men and women. In behalf of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Miss Alice Brimson presented 14 young women. Miss Louise Voth, new Principal of the Mather School in South Carolina, spoke for this group and received a stirring ovation. No new missionaries were presented for the Colporter work of the Publication Society. Dr. G. Pitt Beers called attention to the fact that of the 11 new appointees of the Home Mission Society three were women. Miss Edith Robinson, the first Haitian woman to be trained in this country, spoke for these appointees. She will help establish the first Protestant High School for girls in Haiti.

Miss Evelyn Solomon, an appointee of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, spoke for the four new foreign missionaries and said, "There is only one way for the Christian church to move, and that is forward." She and one other are now "Missionary-Appointees-in-Waiting" who cannot go to their fields in China and the Congo until after the war. Of the 15 appointees of the Foreign Mission Society, only 9 were present and introduced by Dr. Jesse R. Wilson. Rev. H. C. Jackson, who hopes to go to India, spoke for the group. In his charge to the church Rev. Paul Sturges of Pittsfield, Mass., made clear that it was their "solemn responsibility to know about and to pray for these newly appointed missionaries who go out not to slay but to save, not to inflict suffering but to bring healing." Dr. Catherine Mabie of Africa received tribute of prolonged applause when she was introduced to give the charge to the new missionaries. Turning her back on the audience she spoke directly to them who were about to "put hands to the plow and going out to be yoke fellows with the Master. You are going out in a world where God loves all the people of the world." This impressive service was closed by Rev. Harold Jensen of Seattle, Wash., with a solemn prayer of devotion.

After several well sung and long applauded choruses by the choir of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, directed by Prof. G. A. Lehman, the President introduced Dean Luther A. Weigle, President of the Federal Council of Churches. His address was broadcast over a national hook-up. "I bring you fraternal greetings," said he, "from over 25,000,000 Protestants with whom you are associated in the Federal Council." He reviewed the many activities in the name of Protestantism by the Federal Council in the present crisis. "It may well be that out of the trial that lies before us we shall gain a stronger democracy, and a fuller faith in God," he concluded.

The afternoon session closed with brief summaries by their respective chairmen of the forums held on the three previous afternoons. (See pages 361-362.)

Baptists sorely need education in worship. Professor Lehman's Colgate-Rochester Choristers provided a perfect opening for the worship service Friday evening. Against the background of "Now the Day is Over," hummed by the choir, a voice repeated a beautiful prayer. Worship had been announced. But when the choir quietly started for their seats so the devotional message could be given, someone began to applaud. Others followed and thus the mood of worship was dissipated. Fortunately Rev. Bryan Archibald of Brockton, Mass., recovered the mood of worship by his message that pictured Christians as the great dreamers of the world, who

dreamed that "Strange, impractical, thrilling vision, of God's Kingdom in a pagan Roman world!"

The two addresses of the evening had as their general theme "The Redemption Task of the Church." Rev. Warner Cole of Detroit, a new voice on the Convention program, brought from the crowd most enthusiastic and approving applause as he spoke on "The Church Winning Lost Men." Speaking with vision and imagination, with energy and a forceful directness, he challenged the Convention pastors and lay members to propagate "a gospel that changes and transforms and holds men strong in the face of every experience. Why should we be afraid of evangelistic preaching? Jonathan Edwards and George Whitfield had two of the most philosophic minds of their time, but they preached for a verdict!"

In an impressive ceremony the Rosa O. Hall award for distinguished service in town and country fields was awarded to Rev. Clayton A. Pepper of Westport, N. Y., and Charles Swindells of Laporte, Minn. (See photographs on page 375.)

The final address of the evening on "The Church Reclaiming a Lost Society" was delivered by Prof. Justin Wroe Nixon, of Rochester, N. Y. Beginning with the *Mayflower* and the slave ships as representing the coming of conflicting idealisms to America, he suggested that "the spiritual descendents of the Pilgrims and the slavetraders were involved in perpetual struggle. Whether our country moves toward the destiny of a slave-ship or a *Mayflower* depends on the choices we make on the issues before us." Speaking of the long hard struggle of his generation for peace and the peace failure after the first World War, he called for united action among the nations as a necessity for the world. "The menace of war can no more be handled by the individual nation than the menace of fire in a crowded city can be handled by the individual household." Urging a unity in the church universal, he said, "A divided Protestantism can never save a dying society." "The Church of the living God brings us the final word," Dr. Nixon concluded, "and that word is Christ."

The Triumph of Religious Liberty

Saturday, May 30th

Chroniced by SAMUEL M. ORTEGON

NO SESSIONS of the entire convention were more neglected than the daily Mission Study Classes which assembled at 8:00 A.M. each morning. Only a mere handful of delegates was usually present but that mere handful represented the faithful who have in their hearts the missionary endeavor of the whole denomination. The foreign study topic was "Burma"

and the class was led by Foreign Secretary R. L. Howard. At the Saturday morning class missionaries from Burma participated. Mrs. Ola Hanson described the intricacies and difficulties of translating the Bible in Burma. On the field where she and Dr. Hanson served so long there are at present 12,000 Christians, hundreds of Christian schools, churches, doctors, nurses. When the Burmese held a great jubilee the man who preached the sermon was the first convert. He preached a powerful and persuasive message and pled with his people to accept Christ. Mrs. Hanson was followed by Helen Hunt, Dean of Women at Judson College, who spoke in beautiful symbolic words. She called the Christian Burmese women rubies of unusual beauty and told a beautiful story of the power of the gospel in the life of a converted Burmese family.

In impressive manner, Rev. Cecil T. Axworthy of Spokane, Wash., led the worship service of the convention sessions. Basing his message on a passage from Isaiah, in cryptic but forceful words he urged the Convention to turn to God.

The annual report of the American Baptist Historical Society was presented by its President, R. E. E. Harkness. In dramatic yet persuasive fashion he urged a new study and appreciation of Baptist history. "A denomination that is indifferent to its past," said he, "is indifferent to its future." He appealed with urgent pathos for historians in state conventions and associations, and in conclusion expressed the hope that the convention would make a larger appropriation to the Historical Society. The present allotment is only \$600!

The annual election of officers and board members of the different national societies occupied the next half hour. Well oiled machinery seemed to work well. Long pink ballots were passed among the delegates and in each case a single ballot by the respective secretary constituted the election. *The full list appears on page 391.* When the name of Dr. J. C. Robbins was read the nominee was introduced as new President and there was tremendous applause.

The Committee on Resolution presented the resolutions for adoption and the usual vigorous debate followed. The din and the confusion and the feverish conferences among participants on the platform leave the impression that there is no unanimity between Baptists as to the Christian attitude to war. I was impressed with the sincerity of both sides but was amazed at the lack of Christian understanding on those issues. One resolution had four "whereases" which were obnoxious to some of the delegates. Numerous motions and amendments were ruled out of order, which added to the confusion. Nevertheless

out of the dust of the verbal battle, the four "whereases" of the original resolution remained unchanged. Some words in the regrettable debate will not be forgotten for they have set many delegates to thinking anew on the issue of war. Thus one man argued that "God is a God of war" and he cited Jehovah of Hosts. Others insisted that we Christians sanction and add our blessing to the agencies of destruction. I wonder what God thought of us as we argued heatedly on these things! Had the convention spent more time, yes, even in heatedly discussing methods for evangelizing our soldiers in army camps and our sadly neglected areas, I wonder what the outcome would have been. But one of the good things about being a Baptist is that we can believe as our conscience dictates and we respect the convictions of our brothers who disagree with us. There was a happy ending to this turbulent session as there usually is.

Although the hour was late and the program had run overtime, the crowd remained for the final Chapel Service. For his theme Dr. Phillips had "Victory." His deep spiritual penetration and his grasp of history led us through another hour of deep devotional experience.

Have you ever been alone in a woman's rally? On this Saturday afternoon in Cleveland I was and I certainly feel blessed about it for I saw what gives spiritual power to our Christian women in whatever they undertake to do. It is their absolute devotion and loyalty to Christ. Here they were on a warm afternoon crowded in the "Little Theatre" where they listened with profound attention to Mrs. Stephen H. Leshner, National Devotional Leader of last year. She spoke admirably and with great eloquence. "It is not a question of whether Christ's church will stand," she said. "We have His own word and we know that cannot fail. The question is far more personal. It is whether you and I will stand."

Meeting simultaneously with the Woman's Rally was the new organization of the Convention, the Baptist Youth Fellowship. The spacious Music Hall was completely filled with eager delegates who heard Dr. Oliver De Wolf Cummings with a brilliant group of young people discuss the plans of the new organization. The address was delivered by the eloquent and dynamic Luther Wesley Smith. His subject, "I Choose Christ," was most appropriate as he contrasted the powers of the totalitarian philosophies with that of the Eternal Galilean. With impassioned fervor he urged our youth to *Solitude* in prayer with God, to *Study* in devotion to the Word and *Service* in consecration to Christ.

The climax of the afternoon session was the Memorial Day patriotic address by Governor Harold

E. Stassen of Minnesota. He paraphrased the immortal words of Lincoln and made a strong appeal for the creation everywhere of the "government for the people and by the people." The crowd agreed with him heartily when he urged a consideration of the bases of an enduring and just peace now while the war was in progress, for the clock of history will not stand still and outlines for a just peace now will help the war effort by winning greater support from South America, India, Burma, and other lands. His own answer was clear and explicit. A lasting peace "must be based on the basic concepts of our religion. Religious leadership must be at the peace table."

Following his address the Convention adjourned to the spacious Mall outside the auditorium for a patriotic celebration in observing Memorial Day. On an outdoor platform sat the speakers and Convention officials. The Mayor of Cleveland delivered a brief address of welcome. The crowd joined heartily in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Then came a heavy shower, unwelcome to those sponsoring this program feature, but gladly accepted by those who had sweltered in the early summer heat wave. Quickly the crowd dispersed. Half a dozen speeches had to be filed away for some future occasion.

Nearly 10,000 people crowded into the mammoth auditorium on Saturday evening to witness a mighty, spectacular, colorful pageant, "The Triumph of Religious Liberty," written by Dr. D. R. Sharpe of Cleveland, and staged by Ruth Mougey Worrell and Harper Garcia Smyth. More than 1,000 Cleveland Baptists were in the cast. More than 300 singers, assisted by the Aida Brass Quartette of New York, furnished the music. In seven dramatic episodes the pageant traced the struggle for religious liberty from the Day of Pentecost until the present critical hour in Christian history. Paul in Rome, Christians in the Catacombs, the dedication of Constantinople, the trial and execution of Arnold of Brescia (impersonated eloquently by E. McNeill Poteat), Plymouth Colony and Roger Williams, and finally a ministering church in the world today, all were vividly portrayed. Those who took part seemed inspired with true fervor and enthusiasm. Impersonating their ancestors of the faith, they preached from episode to episode the essentials of the gospel. In symbolism and effectiveness the final scene was most powerful. Featuring the hideousness of the present orgy of war and hate, multitudes of stricken people in great pain and suffering moved across the huge stage. Finally the Spirit of Hate with all his devastating power was banished and the new Spirits of Love, Justice, Mercy, and Peace triumphed as the pageant came to a close in a great climax of light, beauty, and spiritual power.

Winning the Peace

Sunday, May 31st

Chronicle*d* by WILLIAM B. LIPPARD

THE heavy shower which cut short the patriotic session on the Mall on Saturday afternoon brought cooling breezes and a Sunday of clear skies and balmy temperature. A large congregation of perhaps 2,000 Baptists gathered for the Convention church service. To the handsomely robed Euclid Avenue Baptist Church choir on the platform it doubtless seemed like a tiny company against the overpowering vista of 13,000 empty seats. Preacher of the Convention sermon was President E. J. Anderson of Redlands University. The empty seats had no effect on the quality and earnestness of his sermon. Admitting that friends had expressed to him the hope that this year's Convention sermon would forget the war, Dr. Anderson said that it was impossible, particularly since yesterday when he had witnessed the Memorial Day celebration in Cleveland and the long parade of America's finest young men on their way to war. For many of them journey's end meant death in a foreign land. Nevertheless even in this tragic situation Baptists are summoned to an all out devotion to Christ and to our responsibility of "infusing and emphasizing higher values than those of damning and destroying the enemy." Ideals for which America stands are founded on eternal values which God wants all mankind to accept. And the church must strengthen the very essence of faith in America as the land of the free and do away with discrimination because of race or color or creed which violates the fundamentals of Christianity and democracy. Finally the church is summoned as never before to support the spread of the gospel so that its light may shine "through our cities, in our rural places, across the oceans and from shore to shore." In a magnificent conclusion and referring to the British Baptist 150th missionary anniversary of William Carey he challenged Baptists to a new conception of world missions which in a world that must abandon race inequality and prejudice will have the greatest opportunity. His message left a profound impression. Appropriate hymns, selections by the choir, and prayer by Dr. E. McNeill Poteat had created a receptive mood in the congregation.

An unavoidable cancellation by the "Wings over Jordan" Negro chorus left the afternoon program unusually short. There was only one address by Rev. Rolland W. Schloerb of Chicago, Ill., on the subject, "How can the church help to win the peace?" Preceding him was a half hour worship service under

the direction of Rev. Harold R. Husted of the committee on the Baptist devotional booklet, *The Secret Place*. How valuable this is coming to be in our denominational life is indicated by the steady increase in sales. The edition now approaches 300,000. A helpful worship service in which the quartette of the Cleveland's First Baptist Church gave a superb rendition of Shelley's "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," formed the setting for Mr. Husted's brief address in the course of which he introduced the family who appear on the front cover of the current issue, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Curtis and their three children of Ardmore, Pa.

The address by Dr. Schloerb was a brilliant exposition of the need of winning the peace. Basing it on Isaiah 32:17, "The effect of righteousness will be peace and the product of justice quietness and confidence forever," he summoned the churches to do all in their power to create an atmosphere in which a just peace can be made, and to build a public opinion that will be ready to make sacrifices necessary for a durable peace. Total peace requires the cooperation of all agencies in society—politics, education, industry, religion. A Christian way of life to total peace is the only alternative to total war.

Smoothly and swiftly the program for the final session moved to its close. A surprisingly large audience was present and was richly rewarded by a notable address by Dr. Thomas S. Roy of Worcester, Mass. For clarity of expression, lucid thinking, earnest delivery, and literary style it was a classic. His theme, "Farewell to Reason," was most intriguing, and there was much curiosity as to how he would treat it. Taking the premise that reason cannot always be the determining factor in life, he showed how support of the cause of Christ is not based on any reasons we deduce for it but on the passion in our hearts to see the world brought to Christ. That explained the missionary pioneering of William Carey who founded the modern missionary movement. The 150th anniversary of his historic

missionary sermon occurred today (May 31st). Here also was the challenge to maintain foreign missions in this disintegrating world when reason counsels abandonment. Many reasons will again be argued for a post war return to isolation. Yet if we have within us a passion for a Christian world we will say farewell to such reason and give ourselves in action to making a united world. This brilliant preaching stimulated the intellect and warmed the heart, a rare combination and an ideal concluding address.

Prior to this address a worship service was led by Rev. E. B. Willingham of Huntington, W. Va., who sounded a much needed note of optimism based on the familiar text "I have overcome the world." The President graciously introduced Mrs. Elliott and then presented the new President J. C. Robbins and Mrs. Robbins. All three bowed to the ovation of applause. Dr. Robbins spoke briefly and pledged a year of devoted service to the denomination as it seeks to minister to our stricken world. Dr. D. R. Sharpe and the loyal hard working Cleveland committee of arrangements were likewise applauded.

Half an hour was assigned to the new Baptist Youth Fellowship with introductions of Dr. Oliver De Wolf Cummings, Miss Elsie Kappen, President Giles Brown, and four youthful speakers, Forest Parsons of New Hampshire, Annajean Richards of Michigan, Robert Towner of New York, and Frances Anderson of Washington, D. C., daughter of Convention Preacher E. J. Anderson. The four addressed the Convention briefly on "Youth in Today's World" and outlined the plans, programs, objectives, and ideals of the Youth Fellowship, in evangelism, Christian citizenship, and world reconstruction. All was summarized in Miss Anderson's vivid phrase, "to build the Kingdom of God on earth in a brotherhood of man," citing the world outreach of the missionary program as one of its important agencies.

The new President offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned to reconvene next year in Denver, Col.

Ministering to a Stricken World through Education

The third in a series of three meditations, based on the theme of the Northern Baptist Convention at Cleveland, May 26-31, 1942

By STANLEY I. STUBER

The Meaning of Knowledge

For some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.—*I Cor. 15:34.*

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth

knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.—*Eph. 3:19.*

Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge.—*II Peter 1:5.*

Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—*II Peter 3:18.*

The Aim of Education

The student says books.
 The scholar says knowledge.
 The preacher says character.
 The minister says service.
 The philosopher says truth.
 The artist says beauty.
 The epicurean says happiness.
 The stoic says self-control.
 The physician says health.
 The ruler says loyalty.
 The patriot says patriotism.
 The sage says wisdom.
 The youth says achievement.
 The soldier says courage.
 The editor says success.
 The manufacturer says efficiency.
 The dreamer says vision.
 The friend says friendship.
 The pedagogue says personality.
 The Christian says self-denial.
 But the true educator says all of these, and more, must be utilized.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

Thoughts on Education

That which we are, we shall teach, not voluntarily but involuntarily. Thoughts come into our minds by avenues which we never opened, and thoughts go out of our minds through avenues which we never closed.—RALPH WALDO EMERSON



In the field of observation chance favors only those who are prepared.—LOUIS PASTEUR.



Life seems to be not a state of being but a process of becoming.—HENRY VAN DYKE.



The Lord is my teacher,
 I shall not lose the way.
 He leadeth me in the lowly path of learning,
 He prepareth a lesson for me every day;
 He bringeth me to the clear foundation of instruction.
 Little by little he showeth me the beauty of truth.



What did Christ ever care for genius, or wealth, or mere education, apart from the grand elementary qualities of faith, hope and love? Nobody has ever established a corner in these qualities. Yet the true and only aristocracy in the world is the aristocracy

that possesses these greatest things.—SILVESTER HORNE.



What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the soul.—JOSEPH ADDISON.



The world is a great book that He hath written,
 He turneth the leaves for me slowly,
 They are inscribed with images and letters,
 He poureth light on the pictures and the words,
 He taketh me by the hand to the hilltop of vision,
 And my soul is glad when I perceive his meaning;
 In the valley also He walketh beside me,
 In the dark places He whispereth to my heart.

Even though my lesson be hard it is not hopeless,
 For the Lord is patient with his slow scholar;
 He will wait a while for my weakness,
 And help me to read the truth.

—HENRY VAN DYKE.

A Prayer for Schools

ALMIGHTY GOD, from whom cometh wisdom and understanding; We beseech Thee to behold with Thy gracious favor our universities, colleges and schools, that knowledge may ever be enlarged and deepened and all good learning flourish and abound. Bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that both teachers and learners in humility of heart may look ever upward unto Thee, Who art the Fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.—FROM COLLECTS AND PRAYERS.

A Teacher's Prayer

ETERNAL God and Great Teacher, as this new day brings me new chances to serve Thee through ministering to those in my class, grant me the vision to add beauty to ordinary tasks by doing them uncommonly well.

May I always be kind even when the day seems long and its problems perplexing. Help me always to remember that Thou hast promised to give wisdom to those who ask of Thee. May I listen so carefully for Thy voice that I may never fail to hear it.

Make me sympathetic with those who are eager for a better knowledge of truth, and patient with those who are slow of understanding, or indifferent.

Grant that I may never lose sight of the importance of my work, but forbid that I should be proud that it has been given me to do.

Let love be the ruling motive of my life, making me strong, courageous, confident and always cheerful, so that I may witness that the service of teaching others is not grievous, but joyous. Amen.—FROM THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BULLETIN, PONCA CITY, OKLA.

Midnight War Surgery in the Hills of Burma

*A vivid description of the surgery performed
by Dr. Gordon Seagrave in his mobile hospital
with the Chinese armies in the hills of Burma*

THE world will not soon forget the heroic service now being rendered by Baptist missionaries in China, Burma and in other war areas of the Far East. All missionaries have been great servants of mankind, but a few of them, due to extraordinary war-time circumstances, have received more publicity than others. This does not necessarily indicate that those in the spotlight deserve any more credit than others who in their own way are rendering just as valuable service. But it does indicate that foreign missionaries are making news. As a result, missionary work is being regarded with increasing approval by the mass of the people. Moreover, the practical service which missionaries are now performing under the most difficult and dangerous conditions will produce a rich harvest after the war.

An example of this rather new position given to missionaries in the secular press occurs in *Time* the weekly newsmagazine. Correspondent Jack Belden tells the story as a part of his dispatch covering the front in Burma where Chinese troops were fighting. After a colorful account of the bloody scenes around the fields of battle, he takes his readers into a mobile hospital unit, and gives them this eye-witness account:

A British liaison officer, who was driving a bus, brought five Chinese soldiers to a makeshift hospital. In a palm-treed courtyard on an open, unroofed stone porch, I saw a muscular white man, stripped to the waist, making swift jabs with a surgeon's knife in a struggling Chinese soldier's arm. Three Burmese 90-lb. nurses were holding down the soldier. Gas lamps

strung on wires provided the only light. Blood was streaming down the soldier's arm. The arm jerked into the air and the fingers stuck out stiff like red arrows. The soldier grew violent. The tiny Burmese girls were unable to hold him down. The surgeon held with one hand and cut with the other. The soldier moaned in Chinese. The doctor, his body gleaming with sweat in the tropic night heat, finished the operation, picked up the patient, carried him off in his arms, laid him on the floor in an inside room, picked up an-

other Chinese soldier and resumed operating. The nurses washed towels in a pool beneath the palm trees.

I gasped: "Who are you?"

He answered: "My name is Seagrave." And he resumed operating.

He was Burma-born Gordon Seagrave, M.D., of the American Baptist Mission. He called to the British liaison officer: "Try to get us some food. I have not a bite in the house. Some of these soldiers have not eaten for three days." As I went out the ambulance units were bringing in more Chinese wounded in American jeeps. All of them would be handled by Seagrave, who was the only surgeon. The house was full of wounded.

When he buried two dead, under the moon, he said: "Now that the shooting has started, we have got to get down to work. Nobody's doing enough."

The Second World Emergency Fund *Baptists will again answer its challenge*

WHILE secular organizations have raised millions of dollars for victims of war in various parts of the earth, Northern Baptists have raised their hundreds of thousands. (See report on page 332). World relief has been adopted by Baptists as a Christian service and it has been one of the most popular features of the World Emergency Fund. There is every reason to believe that during this new denominational year the challenge to contribute generously, even sacrificially, to help alleviate human suffering will be greater than before. This is why both individual Baptists, and Baptist churches, must begin now to organize an ongoing program built around World Emergency Fund II.

Mr. L. H. Robbins, a feature writer for *The New York Times* who has been in charge of that newspaper's annual Christmas appeal for "The Hundred Neediest Cases," points out the greater challenge created day by day.

"When dykes are bombed, roads ruined, rice fields laid waste and schools blown up in China," he reports, "the missionaries alone are left to guide the people in reconstruction and to teach the children. Yet without the help of the Church Committee for China Relief and the International Missionary Council even they are helpless. I know well enough that American churches have adopted 170 orphaned Norwegian, Belgian, Dutch, Finnish, and German church missions in the far away parts of the earth. They need you. China needs you, too. Here in China there are 20,000,000 people at death's door from starvation. They seek out the missions. Driven like cattle across the land, fainting from famine and disease they knock night and day upon the mission doors."

He then tells of relief work in which Northern Baptists share. A Dutch pastor, bearing the marks of want and oppression upon his

face, preaches from the rude stable where he and his congregation secretly hold their services since their chapel was closed by Nazi command. Cut off at a time when there is more need than ever for supplies for their sick and hungry, for seed for their ruined farmlands, for new hymnals and Bibles to replace those ruthlessly burned, they prove their faith by holding fast to God, "in spite of thunder, fire and sword." The American Bible Society and the Central Bureau for the Relief of European Churches have reached them with Bibles, clothing and other help. It is this evidence of outside faith in them which enables these members of the household of world Christian fellowship to carry on even in a stable."

Mr. Robbins concludes with this challenge, "Give through your own church. Give generously. Give sacrificially. No coin you give, no prayer you offer is too small a contribution now. Christ has no hands but yours to do his will in these terrible times."

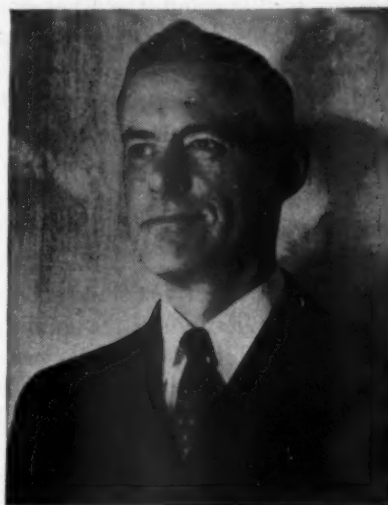
New Secretary in Stewardship Department

Rev. Paul H. Conrad, Eastern Regional Representative of the



Paul H. Conrad

Council on Finance and Promotion, has been appointed Secretary of Stewardship. He will divide his time between the two positions. Before becoming Regional Representative he was Promotional Director for New York State, and prior to that he was pastor for seven years of the First Baptist Church in Rutherford, N. J. Mr. Conrad was a Y.M.C.A. Secretary in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Newark, N. J., before he entered the ministry. For many years Mr. Conrad enlarged his ministry by organizing and directing men's choruses, graded mixed choirs, and teaching organized Bible classes, the largest of which was at Rutherford, where an average attendance of over 600 was maintained each Sunday.



Clayton A. Pepper

For Distinguished Service to Rural Christianity

At the Cleveland Convention in recognition of meritorious service on rural fields, the Rosa O. Hall Certificate of Award was presented to Rev. Charles Swindells of Laporte, Minn., and to Rev. Clayton A. Pepper of Westport, N. Y. (See page 369.)

For 13 years Mr. Swindells has served as pastor on his present field, approximately 60 by 20 miles in area, ministering to churches

in Laporte, White Oak, Navy, Badoura and part of the time at Benedict. In addition he is chaplain of the Indian patients at the Walker State Hospital. For the past nine years he has delivered the annual sermon for the State



Charles Swindells

Department of Conservation at the special service held in Itaska (Minnesota) State Park. He received his education in England, and is considered one of the best informed pastors and church organizers in the rural field.

Mr. Pepper, a native of New York, received his ministerial training in Colgate University and the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. He began his rural ministry as pastor of a group of Baptist churches in the Adirondack Mountains, where he remained four years and was then called to a larger rural field comprising the Baptist churches at Westport, Elizabethtown and Moriah in the Essex-Champlain Association. At Westport he organized the federated church out of the then Baptist and Methodist churches. The federated church then chose Mr. Pepper as its pastor. This federation of churches has resulted happily for the community.

WOMEN • OVER • THE • SEAS

In the Mission Fields of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

Foreign Missions Essential in Tomorrow's World

*Confidence and faith mark the sessions of
the annual Board meeting in Cleveland*

Reported by JEAN H. MITCHELL

THE annual Board meeting of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society was held May 22nd-23rd in Cleveland, Ohio. Greetings were brought by Mrs. O. T. Hawke on behalf of the Ohio Baptist women and by Mrs. Orrin R. Judd, retiring President of the Woman's Home Mission Society. Dr. Catharine L. Mabie, Miss Marian E. Shivers and Miss Gertrude R. Anderson, missionaries, brought the devotional messages. Foreign Secretary, Miss Hazel F. Shank, prepared "A Review by Interview" when nine missionaries brought vivid pictures of the growing sense of Christian fellowship around the world even amid the destruction and ruins of war.

On Saturday evening we gathered at dinner to honor our retiring President, Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith, who had served in that capacity for nine years. Mrs. Leslie E. Swain, who presided, read a telegram of affection and admiration from the Ardmore Baptist Church, where Dr. and Mrs. Smith served for many years. Various speakers vied with each other in humor and congratulation. Mrs. R. W. Hollinger, President of the Southern California women, expressed how Mrs. Smith appeared "Through the Eyes of a State President"; Mrs. H. S. Palmer, "Through the Eyes of the National Committee on Woman's Work"; Mrs. Orrin R. Judd,

"Through the Eyes of a Sister Society"; Dr. Alton L. Miller, "Through the Eyes of the General Board"; Mrs. Charles H. Sears, "Through the Eyes of the Officers"; Miss Pauline Heppe, "Through the Eyes of the Staff at 152 Madison Avenue"; and Mrs. John P. Thompson, "Through the Eyes of the Board." She presented a handsome engraved silver tray to Mrs. Smith as a gift of appreciation and love. Miss Frances K. Burr contributed an unusually clever and original "stereopticon" of the Retiring President from "Childhood to 1942."

In a simple, effective commission service, Miss Evelyn B. Solomon and Miss Dorothy Wiseman were appointed Missionaries-In-Waiting, designated to China and Congo respectively. Miss Helen K. Hunt, on furlough from Burma, welcomed them "to work, to woe, to wonder, and to a wealth of missionary friendship."

Mrs. Leslie C. Swain, Home Base Vice-President, emphasized that the constantly changing conditions on the mission fields are acutely felt in our Home Base work. Some people in our churches are saying that with the world at war, the church's first responsibility is to minister to near-by needs. Nevertheless the foreign mission enterprise is inescapably essential to the new world for which we pray. "We need to refute the idea," said Mrs. Leslie B. Arey, Chair-

man of Cultivation, "that since we cannot now send money to some fields, therefore it is not necessary to give any more." Mrs. Frank C. Wigginton made the Home Base discussion very effective and practical by her clever handwork. She had a small church on one end of the table, the blue sea between and a mission building on the other side. Going across from the little white church were a streamer of coins, representing what we are giving, a streamer of gauze—our white cross supplies, and a streamer of literature representing the channel of information to our churches. Mrs. Wm. H. Jones, Chairman of White Cross, expressed our word of commendation to the hundreds of volunteer workers in the local church, who enabled us to ship 33,295 pounds of Overseas White Cross supplies since December 7. Miss Margaret Applegarth presented our new leaflets and urged a wider use of this splendid material.

The closing service, a dramatization prepared by Mrs. Charles H. Sears and Miss Hazel F. Shank, centered on the theme, "The Church Yet Building." On a darkened stage a light was focused on an outline map of the Congo, and a Board Member in Congo dress told of our work there. The spot-light centered on India, then Burma, the Philippines, Japan, Occupied China and Free China, and as the light flooded the map of the country a Board member in costume told of the visible results of our work on the fields, of the courageous devotion of missionaries as they face unparalleled opportunities as well as physical danger. Our Christian workers and national Christians are being tested by fire; yet we

know many will emerge as shining examples of loyalty to Jesus with a deeper faith, and that our churches in these lands will find new power. The speakers sounded a call to us to make known the courage and fortitude to our church groups here, that we may undergird these missionaries and Christian sisters and brothers in other lands with our prayers and gifts. "The hope for the future of the world rests in the hands of the men and women who keep faith with Jesus."

The following are the officers of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society for 1942-43: President, Mrs. Leslie E. Swain; Home Base Vice-President, Mrs. Leslie B. Arey; Foreign Vice-President, Mrs. Charles H. Sears; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Andrew J. Mitchell; Home Base Secretary, Miss Janet S. McKay; Foreign Secretary, Miss Hazel F. Shank; Treasurer, Miss Frances K. Burr; Secretary of the League of Interpreters, Miss Daisy Dean Bate.

Mrs. Leslie E. Swain

Mrs. Leslie E. Swain, newly elected President of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, served for nine years as Home Base Vice-President. She has long been active in Baptist work, in the World Wide Guild, and as President of the Rhode Island Woman's Baptist Missionary Society. She is the author of many missionary plays and several missionary books including *Pioneer Missionary Heroines in America*, *My Book of Missionary Heroines*, and *Youth Unafraid*. Besides taking an active part in the work of the denomination, Mrs. Swain is much interested in national and international problems, is a past President of the Rhode Island branch of American University Women, and serves on several interdenominational committees. She was one of the 45 delegates

from North America to the World Missionary Conference at Madras, India, in December, 1938.

Mrs. Leslie B. Arey

Mrs. Leslie B. Arey, newly-elected Home Base Vice-President, and for five years a member of the Board of Managers is the daughter of a Baptist minister. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, she moved to Chicago at the age of ten and there she joined the Immanuel Baptist Church. A few years after her graduation from the University of Chicago she was married to Professor Leslie B. Arey of Northwestern University Medical School. She is now a member of the North Shore Baptist Church and has been active for some years in World Wide Guild work. For the last eight years she has held various positions in the Woman's Baptist Mission Union of Chicago, having been chairman of the Christian Friendliness, Student Counselor and Program Committees. She is at present serving her second year as president of the organization. She is also a member of the Woman's State Board of Illinois, of the Board of Promotion for Chicago, and of the Board of Directors of the Missionary Training School.

Mrs. Charles H. Sears

Mrs. Charles H. Sears, reelected as Foreign Vice-President, has served in that office since 1936. As Miss Minnie V. Sandberg, she served as a missionary in Japan from 1918 to 1923 at the Mary L. Colby School in Yokohama. After filling an executive position in the Y.W.C.A. at Washington, D. C., from 1925-1928, she was appointed Foreign and Candidate Secretary of the Woman's Society. During her term as Foreign Secretary she traveled extensively in the mission fields to appraise the results and prospects of the work. She resigned in 1935 to become the wife of Sec-

retary Charles H. Sears, of the New York City Baptist Mission Society. Mrs. Sears has been active in interdenominational work and has represented the Woman's Society on the Committee on Interdenominational Institutions on the Foreign Field, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Woman's Christian College of Tokyo, and Ginling College.

Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith

Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith, retiring President, for many years has been a recognized foreign missions leader among Baptist women. When the districts were organized for the Woman's Foreign Board in 1918, she was the first president of the Atlantic District. In 1923 she was elected Administrative Vice-President of the Woman's Mission Society and in 1933 became its President. She also served for two years as President of the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America. She will continue to make her home in Ardmore, Pa., where her husband, Dr. Howard Wayne Smith, recently retired from the active ministry after 25 years at the First Baptist Church.

Annual Missionary Conference

EAST NORTHFIELD, MASS.,
JULY 6-14, 1942

The Northfield Missionary Conference, July 6th-14th, will again be a center of fellowship for Christians of many denominations. Hundreds of women and girls will throng the beautiful campus of Northfield Seminary. Opportunity will be afforded for Bible study, missionary education and leadership training. Recreation will include hiking, swimming, tennis and various social events. The girls—15 to 25 years of age—will live in tents under the supervision of competent Christian counselors.

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TIDINGS



FROM THE FIELDS

Christian Centers—Keep Them Open!

The Greatest Influence in his Life

A young man who "grew up" in the activities of the Bethel Neighborhood Center of Kansas City, Kansas, and who recently spoke to our young people, gave this testimony: "You should know and appreciate the fine opportunities which you have in coming to Bethel. I count my attendance here as the greatest influence in my life." This young man is now an outstanding leader of the young people's work in one of the Kansas

City churches and in the whole city.—*Rhoda Lundsten.*

A Soldier's Letter to his Church

"I have been trying to collect myself so as to write a letter to the church but being in the army is a full day's work for any man. I am overwhelmed at the fact that the church is anxious to keep in touch with me because the church, in my estimation, stands out like a lone bright star in a dark sky. . . . There is one personal favor I would

like to ask, and that is that you give my regards to the fellows and girls at the *Community House* and express my thanks to everyone who is helping to keep the *Community House* open. In my travels with the army in 36 of the 48 states I do not think there is another place in the good old U. S. A. that can compare with it."

Harriet W. Palmer

Mrs. Harriet W. Palmer, new President of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, is a daughter of the late Dr. Joseph K. Wilson, former editor of *Zion's Advocate* and associate editor of



A training class in the Bethel Neighborhood Center in Kansas City, Missouri

The Watchman-Examiner and for many years a successful pastor in New England. She is the wife of Howard S. Palmer, President of the New Haven Railroad. Mrs. Palmer has been President of the New England District, President of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Connecticut, and for many years has been a member of the Woman's Home Mission Board. She has been trustee of four Negro colleges in the south, namely: Mather College, Florida Normal Institute, Storer College and Shaw University, and is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn.

A Volume of Leaflets on Latin-America

For your convenience all the new Baptist leaflets on this year's theme, "Latin-America," have been published in uniform page-size ($5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ in.). They have also been punched for filing in a loose-leaf notebook. The entire set of 12 pamphlets with maps, illustrations, and programs are priced at only 36 cents. This material gives a comprehensive and interesting picture of Baptist work in all of the Latin-American fields in which Northern Baptists are serving—



Mrs. Harriet W. Palmer, new President of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society

Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Haiti. Every pastor, Sunday school teacher, young people's president, Guild and C. W. C. leaders, and Woman's Society president should have at least one set of the leaflets.

Everybody will enjoy a trip to Central America through the pages of *Jane in Nicaragua*, by Lydia J. Holm, 25 cents per copy. This

story relates actual experiences of the author during her period of missionary service in that country. From the day Jane lands at the little port of Corinto, the reader follows her with growing interest as she wins the friendship of the people in school, homes, and churches. This is a 5-point book on the missionary reading list.

Birthday Gifts From Little Pigs

The Sunday school superintendent in the Baptist Church of Puebla, Mexico, on a recent Sunday morning asked for those who had had birthdays during the week to come forward. Two women of the humbler class responded. Micaela was spokesman. The following is Micaela's testimony:

"Last year I had a sow which would not take care of her litter of pigs. Accordingly I decided to give the little pigs away. After I had found several women who wanted to take the trouble of caring for the baby porkers, I invited the women to my home and talked about the undertaking. The friend beside me took two of the animals, declaring that one belonged to the Lord. She raised them with care and a few days ago sold them for ten pesos (*Mexican dollars*) each. She has already given five pesos to the Women's Society and the other five she brings here today as an offering to God through the Sunday school. I have also brought five pesos as my own birthday offering to accompany her gift, so we present ten pesos for God's service. My friend has owed money to the Latin American Hospital for some time for care she received during a serious illness. She has taken the money from the other pig to help pay this debt. God answered our prayers to make the pigs a blessing."

Many eyes were moist as faithful Micaela finished.—*Mabel V. Young.*

<i>Signs of Progress in Cuba</i> , by Charles S. Detweiler.....	5¢
<i>Haiti—the Forgotten Republic</i> , by Charles S. Detweiler.....	5¢
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FREE LITERATURE: The following free literature, not included in the priced "volume," may be ordered from the State Convention offices or from the Baptist Literature Bureau, 152 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.:

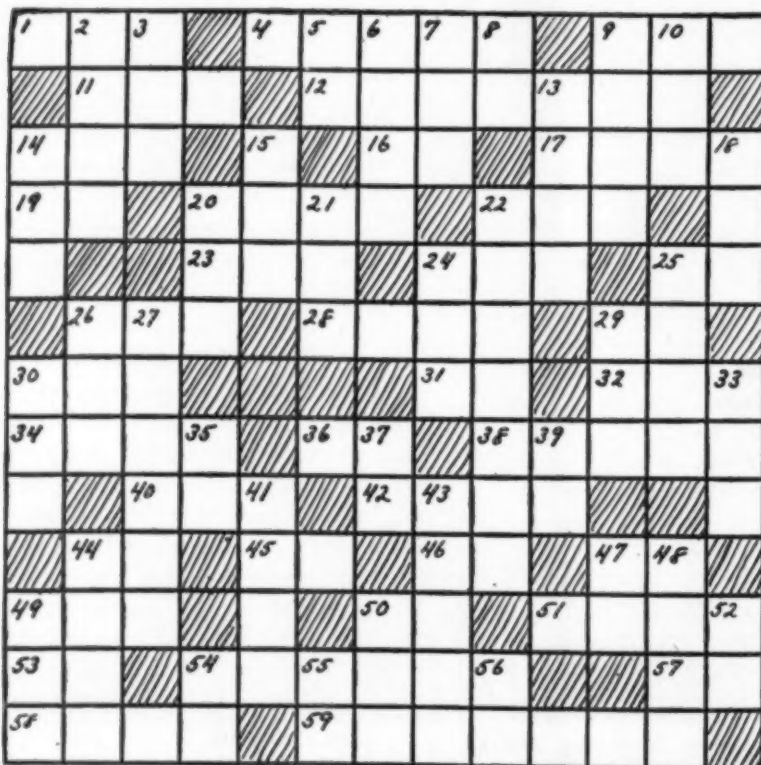
<i>Our Island Neighbors</i> (picture sheet on Cuba, Haiti, and Puerto Rico)...	free
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<i>Phoenix Christian Center</i>	free

MISSIONS CROSS WORD PUZZLE PAGE

No. 60—The Lord's Prayer

ACROSS

1. "... when ye pray, use not vain repetitions." Matt. 6:7.
4. "and the . . . , and the glory, for ever." Matt. 6:13.
9. Scold.
11. "what . . . right hand doeth." Matt. 6:3.
12. "For thine is the . . ." Matt. 6:13.
14. "If I should . . . with thee, I will not deny thee." Mark 14:31.
16. South Dakota.
17. Man's name.
19. Hawaiian lava.
20. "I am . . . in my Father's name." John 5:43.
22. Dove's call.
23. City of Benjamin. I Chron. 8:12.
24. "With a great . . . obtained I this freedom." Acts 22:28.
25. Doctor.
26. "pray to . . . Father which is in secret." Matt. 6:6.
28. "he that doeth the . . . of my Father." Matt. 7:21.
29. "That thine alms may . . . in secret." Matt. 7:21.
30. Exclamation of surprise.
31. Yard.
32. Daughter of Zachariah and mother of Hezekiah. II Kings 18:2.
34. "Thy will be . . . , as in heaven, so in . . ." Luke 11:2.
36. "of your Father which is . . . heaven." Matt. 6:1.
38. See 34 across.
40. Unit of work.
42. Last word of prayer.
44. "... the hypocrites do." Matt. 6:2.
45. "nor by the earth; for . . . is his footstool." Matt. 5:35.
46. and 47. "unto thy Father which secret." Matt. 6:18.



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NO. 20



Last Month's Puzzle

49. "given to hospitality, . . . to teach." I Tim. 3:2.
50. Chapter in Matt. beginning "And he entered into a ship."
51. "After this manner therefore . . . ye." Matt. 6:9.
53. "but deliver . . . from evil." Matt. 6:13.
54. "which art in . . ." Matt. 6:9.
57. "Many will say to . . . in that day." Matt. 7:22.
58. "And . . . us not into temptation." Matt. 6:13.
59. "as we . . . our debtors." Matt. 6:12.

DOWN

2. Rodent of West Indies.
3. "standing in . . . synagogues." Matt. 6:5.
6. "he shall in no . . . lose his reward." Matt. 10:42.
7. "the harvest is the . . . of the world." Matt. 13:39.
8. Right Guard.
9. Back, a combining form.
10. Amount.
13. Destiny.
14. "Give us . . . by . . . our daily bread." Luke 11:3.
15. "This is my beloved . . ." Matt 3:17.
18. "... Father." Matt. 6:9.
20. Coquettish. 21. Cut.
22. Ancient Scotch or Irish monks.
24. Cunning.

25. "And forgive us our . . . s." Matt. 6:12. 35. Eldest son of Judah. Gen. 38:3. 48. "Hallowed be thy . . ." Matt. 6:9.
26. Though. 37. North America. 49. "shall bore his ear through with an . . ." Ex. 21:6.
27. "whatsoever things are . . ." Phil. 4:8. 39. "it hath been said, . . . eye for . . . eye." Matt. 5:38. 50. Three fifths ivory.
29. "shut the doors, and . . . them." Neh. 7:3. 41. "... us this day." Matt. 6:11. 52. "your Father knoweth what things . . . have need of." Matt. 6:8.
30. "wherewith the . . . number of them." Num. 3:48. 43. One who makes friends easily. 54. . . kf is handkerchief.
33. Jesus Savior (Latin initials). 44. An arched roof. 55. Africa. 56. No good.
47. A Benjamite. I Chron. 7:12.



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THE WORLD WIDE GUILD

THE ROYAL AMBASSADORS

THE CHILDREN'S WORLD CRUSADE

For a New Day in Burma

At the Northern Baptist Convention, Dr. Randolph L. Howard, author of *It Began In Burma*, had two study classes for leaders who plan to teach the book. The map reproduced here should help leaders of study courses to locate work which Baptists have been doing.

All who read *It Began In Burma* will feel that there should be a new day in Burma and that Baptists

have a great privilege to look forward to a part in that experience.

For the Study of Burma and Latin America

Materials now available on the Study Themes of the Year

There has never been available such an abundance of material on study themes as this year.

The tragedy of Burma has been before every eye for months, but this is not enough for missionary

Baptists and students of the mission fields. Latin America is in the thinking of all who are interested in Inter-American solidarity. The Home Mission Societies have produced exceptional aids for those who wish to enrich programs and studies on Latin America. Special material on Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Haiti, is available for all who are seriously interested in a fuller understanding of our responsibilities in these countries in which we support Home Mission work.

The April issue of *Readers Digest* has an article "These Things Shall Not Pass Away," written by the son of one of our own missionaries who gave his life for Burma. Be sure to find this article.

There is no more authentic news on the situation in Burma than comes from our mission boards. Christians of Burma and missionaries alike are taking their place side by side to see that the witness of the Christian church is made effective in Burma. News releases, copies of letters, and leaflets, are available on Burma and other foreign mission fields.

If the materials are not readily available in your state, write to the Baptist Literature Bureau, 152 Madison Avenue, New York.

Bible
Book-of-the-Month
ROMANS
For June
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PSALMS
For July-August
(Read by sections)

Bible Book-of-The-Month

The project of monthly Bible reading inaugurated last October

has progressed with ever-increasing interest on the part of Baptists. Since October, the Books recommended for monthly reading are:

October	Acts	December	Luke
November	Isaiah	January	Amos

Feb. Philippians	April	John
March Hosea	May	Ruth

If any failed to participate, here is an opportunity to catch up with those who have been enjoying a new experience of Bible reading.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS



Rev. T. D. Rees, third in front, and the new chapter at Wooster, Ohio

New Chapter in Ohio

Several months ago I organized a Royal Ambassadors chapter here in the First Baptist church. Only two of the eleven boys are members of the church. All the others are from homes that have no church affiliation. The chapter is functioning 100%. I teach the boys every Sunday afternoon. On every other Wednesday evening we have a social meeting in different homes. —Rev. T. David Rees, Wooster, Ohio.

Summer Reading

Reading is fun! On rainy days, by camp fires, resting in tents, at home on a hot summer afternoon, a book may provide valuable entertainment for Royal Ambassadors and other Junior High boys. Here are listed several easy-to-read worthwhile books:

The Traded Twins, by ROBERT N. McLEAN. A girl from Mexico and a boy from the United States exchange places for summer experience. Cloth, \$1.00; paper, 60¢.

Eagle Books. Series of five biographies of missionaries and nationals. Nos. 4, 25, 26, 28, 40. Study book. Set of 5—50¢.

Brothertown, by LOUISE B. GRIFFITHS. A reading book to supplement the leader's course. Cloth, \$1.00; paper, 60¢.

The Story of the Other America, by RICHARD C. GILL and HELEN HOKE. Exciting pictorial history of South America. Cloth, \$2.00.

Making the Most of Yourself, by JAMES E. WEST. Scout trail to the greatest of all adventures. Cloth, \$1.00.

Missionary Heroes Courses I, II, and III. Selected biographies of great missionaries in each course. Prepared by FLOYD L. CARR. Each

booklet contains a sketch and outstanding incidents in the life story, and a life story program. Single booklets, 25¢; set of 12, \$2.50.

Tales of a Waste-Basket Surgeon, by GORDON S. SEAGRAVE, M.D. The work of a medical missionary in Burma. Cloth, \$1.25.

Rudyard Kipling: Son of Empire, by NALLA BRADDY. Life of the poet, giving pictures of many nations and world situations. Cloth, \$2.50.

The New Program for Baptist Youth

The Council on Christian Education has set up a new department for youth work, headed by Rev. Oliver deWitt Cummings. Miss Elsie P. Kappen, Executive Secretary of the World Wide Guild, has now become Secretary for Missionary Education in that department. It is planned to have a Junior High Secretary work soon. Rev. Floyd L. Carr will continue to work with Royal Ambassadors to cooperate with the new Youth Department.

The Baptist Youth Fellowship is for young people from 15 to 25. The main emphasis of the program of Royal Ambassadors is in the age from 12 to 15. Nevertheless under the new plan all Baptist youth from 12 to 25 will have opportunity for a wider program.

Royal Ambassadors Conduct Worship Service

The Royal Ambassador Class of our church recently volunteered to be responsible for the worship period of the Sunday school. The boys worked out the program by themselves. One boy read the Scriptures, Romans 1:14-16, and gave a most interesting and helpful exposition of the passage. Following this, three boys each told a missionary story. They told their stories well, and were careful to make each convey a definite missionary point.—Rev. Gerald E. Gillespie, Helix, Oregon.

WORLD WIDE GUILD

Dear Girls of the Guild:

Because the World Wide Guild and its work comes under the Youth Department of the Council on Christian Education after May first, you will have a staff of secretaries interested in your behalf and in the interest of all Baptist young people. One person on the staff whom you have known formerly as the World Wide Guild Executive Secretary, now becomes the Secretary of Missionary Education.

To some of you the Youth Secretary on the staff, Dr. Oliver deW. Cummings, is a new person. That you may know him we are having him speak for himself and present his own message to you:

"Dear Girls of the Guild:

"For such a time as this and such a Christ as ours, nothing less than a world purpose is adequate. Nothing short of complete dedication of all the united strength of Baptist youth will suffice.

"I am, therefore, happy that the World Wide Guild joins forces with other phases of Baptist youth work and becomes part of the Youth Department of the Council on Christian Education and of the Baptist Youth Fellowship. I am glad that the Guild is thus enabled to contribute, even more largely than in the past, its world missionary vision and sacrificial spirit of sharing to the total group of Northern Baptist young people. I am also pleased that the Guild Chapters are to continue as a definite part of the total task, rendering their service to the girls of the local church and to the cause of Christ the world over. Particularly do I rejoice in the good news that Elsie P. Kappen is to continue her leadership of Guild

groups and extend her influence to all girls—and to the boys and young men as well—as Secretary of Missionary Education in the Youth Department of the Council on Christian Education and the Baptist Youth Fellowship.

"War time conditions during the next few months will place an unusually heavy responsibility upon our girls to do double duty in the service of Christ.

"I covet the courageous initiative and consecrated enthusiasm of every Baptist Guild girl in support of the new five-fold program of the Baptist Youth Fellowship. I know you may be counted upon to give your best.

"For the sake of Christ and a needy world,

"Oliver deWolf Cummings"

Now that we are all acquainted it ought to be possible to move into the new program of work, of which the Guild program is a part, with new confidence in the cause we serve and with enthusiasm born of knowing that all Baptist Youth are uniting in it. The slogan which we will be acclaiming often this year and acting upon is—"United We Stand—Forward With Christ!"

Very sincerely yours,

Elsie P. Kappen

Secretary of Missionary Education,
Youth Department, Council on
Christian Education,

152 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

New Links in the Assam Hills

The morning headlines are grim, the news on the morning radio emphasizes the divisions among men, race against race, nations intense in their pride and arrogant in their



"Hands around the world"—Guild girls in Assam

might—barriers, hatreds, war—a tragic beginning to another day.

The morning mail comes in and with it a shaft of light and hope that reaches into the future and makes what we do today in the name of Christ a thing of infinite worth beyond our knowing.

In an envelope bearing many stamps and a censor's seal is a letter written on paper ornamented with an interior picture of the lovely Taj Mahal. It is from far-off Assam, north and northwest of stricken Burma and the Burma Road. It comes from Fern Rold, one of our missionaries in Tura. With it are three application blanks enrolling three new Chapters, the Charity Group, Kusi Onggiparang (Happy Ones), Isol Baksa Kapagiparang (Workers Together with God), and pictures of them. Miss Rold says:

"They have worked enthusiastically at it and have made their pledges which most of them will earn themselves these coming vacation days. Next year I shall take a less prominent part merely being their advisor. In each group the teachers are helping now, but I expect them to take the lead next year."

And what's this? Yes, oh yes it is! A picture of some of these three chapters illustrating the theme that has bound our hearts to the ends of

the earth this past year—*Hands around the World*. It has not been a dream only, it is true, we have been linked in conscious fellowship across the world!

A shaft of light, a ray of hope, a cause to live for! When the banner of Christ has been carried to a land, the ways to fellowship and brotherhood are found that no barriers can stop or wars destroy. Greetings to you, girls of Assam.

Christian Friendship Demonstrated

That Christian Chinese and Japanese young people can have real fellowship together even in days like these is evident in this picture from the Pacific Coast. The Virginia Swanson Chapter (Japanese) is in the top row; the Mary Allen Chapter (Chinese) is in the lower row. The occasion was a "Night of Fellowship" in Sacramento.



Japanese and Chinese Guild girls in Sacramento, Calif.

Fellowship Experienced

The Viola Hill Chapter (Sally Peck) of the First Baptist Church of Oakland, California, has worked hard to excel its own record of last year. Though we are the proud possessors of the silver candlestick, the award for achievement for last year in Northern California, we recognize our shortcomings as we read *MISSIONS* and see the great need. We have already raised \$25 of our Love Gift, and hope to do more.

In February we invited the girls of the Mexican Church to be our guests in one of our homes for dessert luncheon. Then after observing one of our regular meetings, under the leadership of their pastor's wife, Mrs. Gurrola, they organized a Chapter of their own. Each new officer was then instructed by the corresponding officer of our Chapter. We plan to go to their church and hold a formal initiation service for them as soon as they are ready.

Another Christian Friendliness project was that of having girls from the Christian Center at our Christmas meeting, making a party of it too.

Valentine Tea

The Sarah Bryant Chapter of Martinsville, Ind., gave a Valentine Tea for the women of the church at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Henry Fogleman, on the afternoon of February 15th.

Soft music was played by one of the girls during the afternoon. The table was attractively decorated with white candles and a centerpiece of red carnations and white snapdragons. Tea was poured by the president and was served by the Guild Girls.

Miss Estoy Reddin, missionary to Santa Anna, El Salvador, who is home on furlough, was our special guest. She gave an interesting talk on the customs of the people of El Salvador.

This Chapter and the church at Martinsville will have a deeper interest in the study of Latin America, this coming year, because they have touched that fascinating part of the world through one of our missionaries.

One Banner Over All

That title is beautifully demonstrated in the picture taken at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago where all three of these girls are students.

Florence Edith Jones, at the left, is from Santiago de Cuba. She has spent four years at the Training School and will receive her B.R.E. degree in June. She has been spending her summers conducting Vacation Church Schools among the Mexicans in the area surrounding Detroit. In the Interracial Fellowship of Baptist Young People in Chicago she is an active member. She is a popular speaker and in demand for Christian gatherings.

Second from the left is Jane Martin from Parkersburg, W. Va. She is a sophomore student at the Training School.

Rose Elizabeth Edith Robinson, at the right, is from Haiti. She has spent four years at the Training School and will receive her B.A. degree in June. This year she was honored by being elected president of her class. During her summers she has contributed to Baptist Churches through taking part on



Baptist Missionary Training School students with Christian flag

evangelistic teams, assisting in girls' camps and Assemblies and last summer teaching in the Guild House Party at Keuka, N. Y.

Additional information from Edith Jones and Edith Robinson will be found in the Sally Peck

Program Packet which every Chapter of that age group should have for the coming year's study. Suzanne Rinck, one of the teachers in the Training School, writes the Home Mission Programs in this packet.

Children's World Crusade

Dear Boys and Girls:

Will you think for a little while of the largest clock you have ever seen. Where was it? Why do we put big clocks up in towers where many people can see them? I'm sure you know the right answer. A clock tells us what time it is. Have you ever seen a clock that had stopped? Was it telling the right time?

On the way home one evening I noticed a large clock that said it was three o'clock. The sun had just gone down so I knew it was not afternoon any longer, and it wasn't dark enough to be three o'clock in the morning. So I knew that the clock wasn't telling the right time!

Do you know that boys and girls have a little clock inside of them?

It doesn't tick so you can hear it, but you know that it is there. Little boys and girls are telling what they are by the things they do. We who love Jesus and have given our hearts to Him, do the things that He would have us do. We are kind to other boys and girls. If a new child comes into our room or moves to our street we invite him to play with us. When Mother calls and asks us to do an errand for her we smile and say, "I'd love to."

So by the things we do and say we are clocks for other boys and girls, for we are telling them that we love Jesus and are trying to do what He would do if He were here today. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

What kind of a clock are you? Are you, by the things you do and say, showing other people that you love Jesus?

Sincerely your friend,
Florence Stansbury.

A Letter from Caryl Engwall

311 E. College St.,
Granville, Ohio,
April 11, 1942.

Dear Crusaders:

First I want to thank the children who sent me Christmas cards and letters. I wish I could write to each one of you individually, but there are too many letters so please accept this as my answer.

So many have written and want to hear news from Daddy that I will try to tell you something about him. He lives in a brick bungalow on a hill a few hundred feet above one of the big Congo rivers (the Kwilu) where the hippos and the crocodiles play in the dark brown water. Near the bungalow are many palm trees and other giant Congo trees. Let us try to imagine we see many Congo teachers and students coming to Daddy's house for help. He loves the Congo people and wants to help them in every way he can.

I am happy that Daddy has Bobi, our dog. His name is pronounced Bobee. I hope he can keep Daddy from being too lonely. Bobi grew up in our family and we all love him. When my three sisters and I said goodbye to him, we left by plane for school, and Bobi wanted to follow us into the plane. Only when the propellers started was he frightened enough to be led away. In every letter Daddy writes he tells us something about Bobi.

I remember seeing steamers going up and down the Kwilu River passing the Vanga mission station where Daddy is now living. Some steamers collect palm nuts and others carry freight, passengers

and mail. The mail boats have a certain whistle, so when they hear it someone always runs down to the beach to get it, even if it's one o'clock at night. I had to laugh when Daddy said he ran down one night in his pajamas to see if he had any mail from us.

Now I am going to tell you a story Mother told me. She said, "I was just reading a school composition written by a Congo student who was very sorry that today the children do not honor their elders the way they used to. He said, 'Long ago when an elder began eating, the young boy must sit on the ground with his legs crossed. He must not even swallow his saliva while the elder was eating. When the elder was through, he would give what was left to the boy. Sometimes the elder would not leave any food on the plate, but he would give the empty plate for the boy to lick. When the elder gave the empty plate to the boy he must not refuse it, he must clap his hands to show his thanks, and his face must show only happiness.'



Caryl Engwall and native friend

He goes on to say, 'At that time the elders were honored and the boys were not stubborn or disobedient; if they were, they would be sold as slaves.'

Probably the elders were happy to be obeyed and honored in this way, but I am very sure the Congo boys had a very unhappy childhood. I believe we can only be truly happy when the adults and the children of all races help one another respect one another and love one another the way Jesus has taught us.

Lovingly your Congo friend,
Caryl Engwall.

I Shall Never Forget

One day a little boy about 12 years of age was admitted to our Hwa Mei Hospital in Ningpo, China, with a bone infection in his foot. He had been given by his parents to a Buddhist monastery when he was very small. He never knew his family, but it is quite likely that he was given away because there was not enough food in the home for all the little mouths that needed to be fed.

During the first few days of his stay with us he was given a New Testament. He became very much interested in what he found in the Book. When he came to a written character that he did not recognize he would run all over the hospital in his wheel-chair until he found someone who could tell him what it was. When he came to something he did not understand he did the same thing, until he found an explanation.

After about four months the bone infection was cured and the foot healed, and the boy was to leave us. By that time he had made known to all of us that he was Christian at heart. I asked him what he was going to do when he left the hospital. He said there was nothing for him to do but go back to the monastery, for that was all

the home he had. I asked him if he would take the Bible with him. He shook his head and said, "No, I will have to leave it here."

"But," I asked, "are you going to leave it, and forget all you have learned about Christ and His teachings?"

He looked at me in a manner I shall never forget, and said, "Don't you understand? What do you think I have been doing these four months? I have memorized most of the New Testament."

The Lighted Cross

These children had a part in the morning worship service of the Baptist Church at Port Jervis, N. Y., on March 29th. Five of them participated in the dramatization "The Lighted Cross," representing the countries of Hawaii, the Philippines, Africa, China and Japan. Each brought a message of how much the people she represented needed Christ today more than ever before. Following this, while the children knelt in prayer, a lighted cross appeared and a choir sang "The Morning Light Is Breaking."

A larger group then pantomimed the hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." First came four children, representing different countries where Christ is needed today, dressed in the costumes of those countries. Then



Port Jervis Crusaders in costume for "The Lighted Cross"

came four American boys and girls who gave Bibles to their friends, showing the desire of American Christians to share with others their love of Christ who said, "Go ye into all the world."

New Materials

Last month we announced the new missionary themes for this year, *Latin America* and *Africa*. The first of the study books is now ready—*Little South Americans*, the Primary picture-reading book. To accompany these study books there will be a prepared Teacher's Guide, as indicated. In addition to these we have prepared packets to further enrich this study.

The Latin America packet includes four stories for Primary and four for Juniors. They are stories that have actually happened to children. One delightful story tells how a little Mexican boy longed to sing in a children's choir in a large Baptist church. Read the story *And Then He Sang*.

In addition to the stories there is a picture sheet showing activities of Latin American children; a map of Latin America; Suggestions to Leaders including activities for children, for Latin American games, parties and music; Latin American foods; and a helpful section on developing worship periods with children.

The Africa packet will contain similar material pertaining to that country.

We are hoping for the continued use of the worship material prepared for last year, *We Gather Together* and *Come Everyone and Worship*, with the packets *Now Thank We All Our God* and *American Brothers*.

Anyone desiring any of the above materials or additional help write The Department of Missionary Education, 152 Madison Avenue, New York.



Play hour at Vacation Bible School in Burma

THE CONFERENCE TABLE

EVERY WOMAN SERVING THROUGH HER CHURCH

Women's Meetings in Cleveland

By Mrs. A. E. CALDWELL

AT THE Cleveland Convention there was a large attendance of women at all gatherings sponsored by the National Committee on Woman's Work. The fact that both Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith, President of the W.A.B.F.M. Society, and Mrs. Orrin R. Judd, President of the W.A.B.H.M. Society, were retiring after years of devoted and efficient leadership served as motif for several occasions of rich fellowship. Each society fittingly honored its retiring president. Both presidents were the recipients of gifts and flowers, expressing the love and appreciation of their respective Boards.

The work of the National Woman's Committee showed the growing importance and efficiency of its program. A booth was maintained in the Exhibit Hall where the "Objectives Chart" was displayed. Special sessions were held in which State Presidents and other officers shared experiences, discussed problems and secured material.

Two public meetings were held. At the first on Friday afternoon, May 22nd, the results of the financial effort of the year were reported. Receipts from the Gift Boxes for the Unified Budget were \$123,326.37, and \$136,507.00 for the World Emergency Fund.

The second public meeting at Cleveland was the Women's Rally, Saturday afternoon, May 30th. Despite a very warm day, the auditorium was filled. Mrs. Stephen Leshner, former National Devotional Chairman, gave an inspiring address on Faith and our opportunity to bring the peace and

comfort of the Master to hearts so sorely troubled today.

The goal for Gift Boxes for the coming year is \$150,000, the same as last year. When asked to take a State Quota will you remember,

A quota isn't sums to me:
It's happy school girls' faces,
It's tired sick mothers getting well,
It's light in gloomy places.
It isn't just long columns
Full of "headachy" addition,
It's missionaries sailing out
To fill the great commission.
It's you and I who'd like to go
And send our gifts to prove it.
How wonderful a quota is.
It lives and so I love it.

Information regarding the various departments of woman's work was given in a unique manner. A traffic post with red and green

lights on the platform flashed green to bring on the questions and answers regarding the departments and flashed red when another subject should be discussed. Thus, with Mrs. Killian asking leading questions, and Mrs. Swain and heads of departments responding, information was given concerning each branch of our work. When the green light flashed *Programs*, we learned of the availability of Speakers from the Speakers' Bureau and the wealth of material on Latin America. We also learned of the Interpreters and their willingness to speak concerning Burma and the other Foreign Mission fields. The green light flashed *Organization*, and a group of Negro boys and girls appeared carrying literature in their hands and eagerly offering it to Mrs. Swain, who listed as follows: The manual on Woman's Work, The Leader's Guide, New Literature packet, Program Pointers, Missionary reading leaflet, MISSIONS magazine, The Book of Remembrance, The Secret Place, a new leaflet "Hows" for the House Party, also two large maps—one of Foreign Mission fields, the other of Home Mission fields.

Space will not permit telling something of all departments. White Cross needs hospital supplies for OVERSEAS WORK. Please send it undesignated, giving freedom to send where most needed. Do not send Overland supplies to any Latin American country, except Puerto Rico, unless upon special request.

Christian Friendliness asks every woman to become helpful to people of other nationalities. Christian Citizenship urged that women study local civic and moral problems; conditions in camps and work for their improvement. Missionary Education was stressed by Miss Dorothy Stevens, who emphasized "My Church, my Country and Me"; "Money Travels"

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This is God's moment for the church and women want to share in every activity as the church ministers to a stricken world.

WOMEN OVERSEAS

(Continued from page 377)

The day starts with worship in Sage Chapel conducted by Dr. Emily J. Werner, chairman of the conference. Vespers, conducted by the camps, are held each evening.

"Latin America," the timely mission study theme for the coming year, will be presented by Dr. W. Stanley Rycroft of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America. Classes will be taught by Dr. Rycroft, Miss Lucy Eldridge, Mrs. Harold Moulton, Mrs. Alva Mullins, Miss Ruth Juram and Miss Margaret Shannon. Bible study teachers will include Dr. Caroline Palmer, Mrs. E. E. McClintock, Miss Frances Ball, Rev. Josephine B. Folsom, Miss Julia Heines, Miss Lo Ai-djen and Miss Ruth Murphy. Leadership training courses will be conducted by Miss Ruth Babcock, Mrs. McClintock, Mrs. Howard LeSourd, Miss Ruth Ransome and Mrs. Mullins. Music will be again directed by Miss Marguerite Hazard and Mrs. Walter Stevens.

Platform speakers include President of the Northfield Schools, William E. Park, Dr. Rycroft, Miss Elizabeth Lee, Mrs. Frederick Forell, and Dr. Frank Laubach. A forum for ministers' wives will be a new feature.

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For detailed information write to Dr. Charles E. Goodall, New Jersey Baptist State Convention, 158 Washington St., Newark, N. J., or to Rev. R. D. Carrin, 737 Washington St., Cape May City, N. J.



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WHERE WILL YOU BE IN AUGUST?

In order to include the full story of the Northern Baptist Convention at Cleveland, the printing of this issue of **MISSIONS** has been delayed. It should reach all subscribers about the middle of June.

The next issue will be that of September. It will be printed and mailed so as to reach all subscribers late in August.

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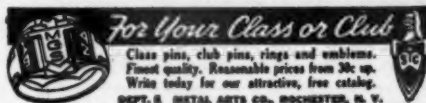
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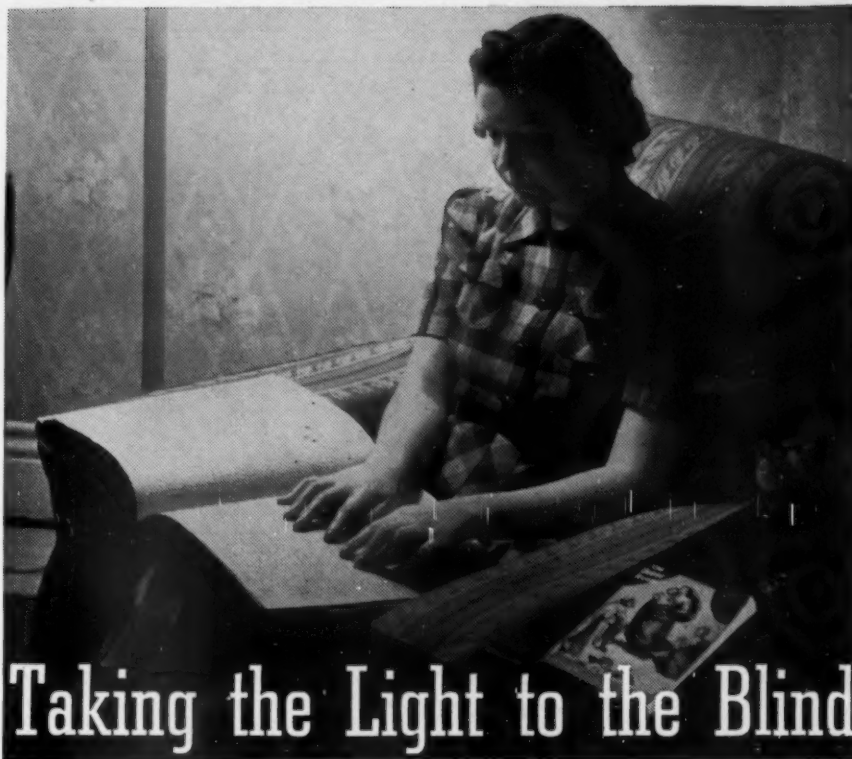
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